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Dawson Names 8 Most Significant Religious News Events of 1948

In consultation with five of Washington's most eminent clergymen of different faiths, Dr. J. M. Dawson, public relations secretary for the Baptists of the United States, today gave a judgement as to the eight most significant events in the religious world during 1948, as follows:

1. The official organization of the World Council of Church in Amsterdam, consummation long worked for by 151 Christian denominations, including all the major ones except the Roman Catholics, Southern Baptists, Russian Orthodox, Unitarians, Missourians, Missouri Synod of Lutherans and some minor groups.

2. The continuing, heightened conflict between Christianity and Communism, whose chief aspects were intensified battles between the Roman Catholics and the Soviets, and the controversies of the Protestants with Communism, as in the case of the Hungarian Lutheran Bishop Ordass and the crisis for all denominational missionary personnel in China precipitated by the Red advance.

3. The frontal emergence of human rights to the consideration of religion, particularly as springing from President Truman's civil rights program and the adoption of the International Bill of Human Rights by the United Nations.

4. The widened, accentuated interest in evangelism, as certified in the new goal of two million recruits set

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WORLD ALLIANCE SEC'Y. PLEADS FOR BAPT. DP'S

Walter O. Lewis

Associated Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance and Director of Baptist Relief in Europe

Many of us know far too little about the plight of thousands of our homeless Baptist brethren in Europe. And few realize that whatever is done for them must be done quickly. Many times false hopes have been aroused by Baptist leaders from the outside who have visited them and who have encouraged them to believe that they would soon be helped out of their distress. They have been disillusioned so often that many feel they have no friends anywhere. It is true that refugees are not altogether normal. They have been torn from their homes and most of them have been shut up in camps for four years. They have little direct communication with the outside world. Maybe they are unreasonable in their demands. But maybe we have not done our duty.

1,500 Latvians

There are approximately 1500 Baptists from Latvia in the displaced persons camps of the British, American and French zones in Germany and

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JONES COUNTY BAPTISTS HAVE RADIO PROGRAM

The Jones County Baptist Association will broadcast each Sunday morning over Station WLAU, Laurel, from 8 to 8:30. The programs are to be both inspirational and informative and the theme will be "Christ Is the Answer."

Those on the Radio Committee are Prof. J. B. Young of Jones Junior College, Rev. H. L. Courtney, who has charge of the music, and Rev. H. J. Rushing, chairman.

According to present plans a Jones County pastor will be invited to speak each week.

The first of these broadcasts was heard last Sunday, January 2, and will continue to be heard on station WLAU.

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DR. S. B. PLATT TO SPEAK ON MISS. RADIO HOUR

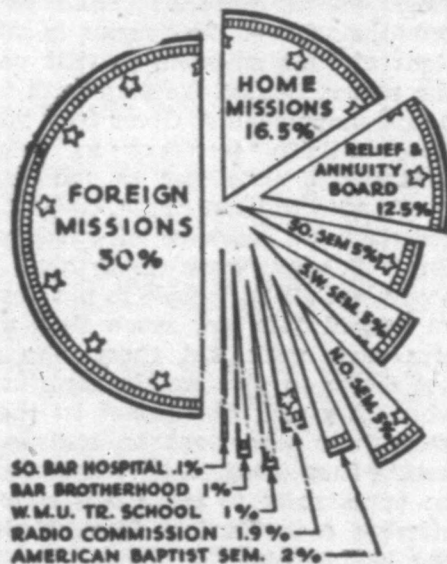
Dr. S. B. Platt, prominent surgeon and outstanding layman of First Church, Columbus, will be the speaker on the Mississippi Radio Hour Sunday afternoon, January 9, at 2:30 CST over the following stations:

WSLI, Jackson; WCBI, Columbus; WMOX, Meridian; WROB, West Point; WELO, Tupelo; WROX, Clarksdale; WLAU, Laurel; WHOC, Philadelphia; WLOX, Biloxi; WAPF, McComb; KWEM, West Memphis; WVBM, Brookhaven.

15 Missionaries En Route Home As 140 Remain In China

Two Mississippians Scheduled To Arrive

How Your Dollar Is Divided



Shown above is a diagram showing how the Cooperative Program dollar is divided.

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COUNTRY PREACHERS PAY FOR THE PRIVILEGE

By J. N. Barnette

It costs the average country preacher from \$25 to \$50 a month to serve a quarter-time church if he really does what is needed. According to the latest Southern Baptist Handbook preachers of churches with fourth-time preaching are paid an average of \$30 a month.

What is expected of these preachers? Preaching once each month, personal soul-winning, general visitation, funerals, visits to the sick, response to extra calls, attendance upon associational and state meetings, participation in pastors' conferences prayer meeting in some cases and at least one revival meeting each year in each church.

Transportation will cost at least \$35 a month; most part-time preachers must have full-time, secular positions to be able to serve these churches, support a family, and keep an automobile.

Who pays the expense? The preacher.

They must take time off from their work for funerals, meetings, and other demands. A funeral may demand that he leave his work, losing \$5 or \$10 and pay all expenses to and from the funeral.

It costs the pastors of part-time (Continued on Page Two)

RICHMOND, Va. —(BP)— Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, has announced that 15 missionaries stationed in Tsingtao and Shanghai are en route home. These evacuations are for the reasons of health, age, or imminent furlough, and do not indicate a general evacuation of North China, he said.

Approximately 140 Baptist missionaries are still on duty in China. Five missionary language students, formerly at Peiping, have evacuated to Manila, P. I., eight others to Shanghai, to continue their studies.

The Board, in its December meeting, voted to raise the subscription rate of the monthly journal, The Commission, from 50 cents to \$1.00 a year, effective April 1. The magazine, now in its twelfth year, has a circulation of 98,000. The Board will sub-

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BTU Convention Held

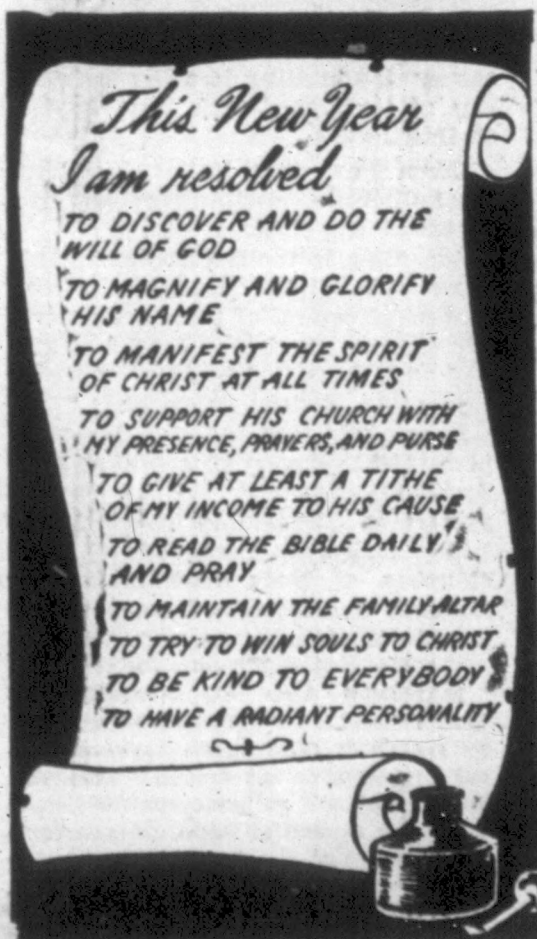
By Julie Mae Martin

Tuesday, December 28, we witnessed one of the most helpful Training Union Conventions ever held in our state. The well-planned program was truly indicative of the hours of work and prayer our fine state secretary, Auber J. Wilds, and his co-workers had spent in preparation.

Rev. Kermit Canterbury, president of the convention, introduced the theme which serves as the southwide Training Union theme for the year, "Found Faithful," followed by a most challenging message from Mr. Wilds, "Baptist Training Union Alerted for Action." C. Aubrey Hearn of Nashville brought information concerning available helps for Training Union workers. Dr. Nolan Kennedy, pastor, Clinton Church, brought the inspirational message of the morning.

The afternoon was given to meetings by age groups. All contests were held within the departments with a demonstration by representatives from each department given in the evening general session.

First Jackson Youth Choir, under the direction of Mr. Reid Moore, furnished special music for the evening service. "God's Lost and Found" was the subject of the closing message brought by Rev. H. A. Hunderup, Jr. of the Southern Baptist Relief Center. About one hundred responded to the closing invitation for dedication.



WORLD ALLIANCE SEC'T

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Austria. There are more than twice as many Slavic Baptists in these zones. A few are not in camps. It is safe to say there are more than 3,000 Baptist displaced persons in Europe whom we should help to start life over again.

There are German Baptists from the parts of Germany now held by Poland and Russia, they fled into western Germany as the German army was being pushed back. Others have made their way out since the close of the war. It is difficult for them to find a place in the crowded areas occupied by the British, French and Americans.

The Volksdeutsche are Germany-speaking people who lived until the war in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and other countries east of Germany. They speak German but they are not Germans. They cannot return to the countries from which they have been driven. There is no place for them in Germany. They are stateless and homeless. There are well over 3,000 Baptists among these refugees.

We should help these brethren of ours to get to the agents of Governments that are willing to receive them. We should arrange to have them received when they get to other countries. The International Refugee Organization will pay the ocean passage for eligible displaced persons who can find a home outside Europe. We have to pay the cost of travel from the port of debarkation to the chosen destination. There is now hope that many of these unfortunate people may get to new homes.

Haste Needed Now

There are good reasons for making haste. One reason why we should move quickly is that many of these refugees are going to pieces. Some of them will soon be so weak that they cannot pass the required medical examination. And they are having a hard time to keep up decent civilized standards. There are not adequate school facilities for the children. The representatives of the U. S. A. are working among the displaced persons passing on applicants for entry to the United States under the new law. Other Governments have their agents in the camps. The lists will soon be full.

Surely it is not too much to ask several million Baptists to help a few thousand Baptists escape the abnormal situation in which they now find themselves. It will cost money. We have the money. Organization is needed. Surely we can set up the required machinery. The time to act is now.

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COUNTRY PREACHERS PAY

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churches from \$25 to \$50 a month above what they receive from the churches for the privilege of preaching, if they do what is expected of them.

Last summer a visit to the country home of one of these preachers found a twelve-year old boy and the wife and mother trying to cultivate about twelve acres of land while the husband was host to a visiting evangelist in one of the preacher's churches. The payments on the car used by the preacher in serving his churches were made possible by money received from the sale of eggs, chickens, cream, and vegetables from the farm. Much of this food was actually needed for the family.

What can be done?

This plea is to the Sunday School superintendents. Mr. Superintendent,

take the lead for your pastor!

Call a conference of all leaders in your church. Put the facts before them. Lead them to adopt a weekly budget. Make the pastor's part from \$25 to \$50 per week, depending upon conditions. Make the amount to missions at least as much as that paid the pastor. Discuss the plan until the people understand it. Order from your state mission secretary as many packages of envelopes as you have people who will contribute. Give each contributor a package of envelopes. On a Sunday when everything is ready, ask all the people to put down on a card just how much they will give each week. Let those who do not desire to give weekly contribute when they will; but do not let them keep those who want to contribute weekly from doing so. Give the people an opportunity to make this church offering each Sunday. The offering can be made at the Sunday School hour. Let it be received in the classes and when necessary let the plates be passed in the general assembly. It is your weekly church offering. Magnify it.

Part-time churches that have adopted and followed a plan of weekly giving have blessed the individuals, made possible expansion and growth in the churches, strengthened mission causes and paid the preacher enough to become a pastor.

Mr. Superintendent, here is your opportunity to do something really big in your church!

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DAWSON NAMES 8

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up by the Methodists, similar aims by the Baptists, Episcopalians and Lutherans as well as by others, and the launching of the all-denominational World Crusade for foreign missions.

5. The challenge to the preservation of religion in American culture as presented in the eight-to-one decision of the United States Supreme Court in the McCollum case, in which the churches were banned from collaborating with the public schools in furnishing religious instruction—a decision which revived the century-old demand that sectarianism be excluded from the public schools and that the Constitutional principle of separation of church and state shall be upheld—a decision which seriously affected the "released-time" plans in vogue in many states.

6. Closely connected was the near nation-wide discussion over the pro-

per relations between church and state, exemplified in the organization at the first of the year of Protestants and Other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, and the release of a pronouncement at the end of the year by the Roman Catholic hierarchy on this issue.

7. The initiation of a Protestant radio program on a national scale, to balance Protestant films, carried implications of new methods for evangelism and perhaps modification of the entire program of many churches.

8. The reorganization of the Baptist World Alliance, with removal of headquarters from London to Washington, adoption of a vast program of world relief and the announcement of the Eighth Baptist World Congress to be held in Cleveland in 1950, constituted a new integration of one of the most diffused of all the larger denominations.

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American Bible Society Offering, January 23

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Baptist Churches In Slovakia Reopened Authorities Order Am. Aid To Pastors Discontinued

PRAGUE —(RNS)— Ten Baptist churches recently closed in Slovakia by order of local authorities have been reopened, according to a Baptist official who returned here from a visit to Bratislava.

Czech Protestant bodies, including the Lutheran Church in Slovakia, had protested the closings.

According to the Baptist informant, the churches were closed because the pastors of several of them are American citizens, though on Slovak origin, and were suspected by local police of "spreading western propaganda."

It was said that the churches were permitted to reopen on condition that American financial aid to Baptist pastors in Slovakia be discontinued.

Baptist leaders here declared that churches of their denomination in Bohemia and Moravia have not been interfered with in any way.

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MESSAGE AND AUTHORSHIP OF THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS (20c) by Walter D. Kallenbach answers critical problems in an unusual way. The author makes a valuable contribution to the battle ground of faith and sets forth the message of the Superior Christ. Orders should be sent to the Baker House, Grand Rapids 6, Illinois.



Pictured above are students whose mothers attended Mississippi Woman's College. Reading from left to right, they are: Pat Collins, daughter of Mrs. C. A. Collins (Elsie Smith); Joan Henderson, daughter of Mrs. A. Henderson (Aurella Grantham); Julia Toy Hewitt, daughter of Mrs. Purser Hewitt (Julia Toy Johnson); Mary Frances Head, daughter of Mrs. J. L. Head (Leola Alford); Cynthia Sue Liles, daughter of Mrs. H. E. Liles (Norfleet Cox); Virginia Lowe, daughter of Mrs. J. A. Lowe (Edna Ball); Jacqueline Hewitt, daughter of Mrs. Purser Hewitt (Julia Toy Johnson); Elsie Parker, daughter of Mrs. E. E. Parker (Ethel Harrison); and Helen Toney, daughter of Mrs. Henry Toney (Clennis Pickering).

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Relieve BIBLE Famine! American Bible Society Offering, January 23

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15 MISSIONARIES EN ROUTE HOME

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sidize it to the extent of \$28,000 for 1948.

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for missionary education and promotion, was authorized to tour the Board's missions in South America in 1949. The Rev. Fon H. Scofield, Jr., director of visual education, will tour Colombia in February, and visit West Africa later in 1949, making motion pictures of the Baptist missionary work in those areas.

The African film will be produced for wide showing during 1950, the centennial of Southern Baptist Missions in Nigeria.

Treasurer E. P. Buxton reported total receipts for the first eleven months of 1948, \$4,906,000. For relief purposes during the same period, the receipts total \$241,673.

The missionaries en route to the States for expected arrival December 15 were: Dr. and Mrs. C. Hart Westbrook of Richmond, Va.; the Rev. and Mrs. I. V. Larson of Kansas City, Mo.; Miss Bonnie Jean Ray of Commerce, Ga.; Dr. Jeannette Beall, of West Plains, Mo.; Miss Hannah F. Sallee of San Antonio, Tex.; Miss Jennie Alderman of Alcolu, S. C.; Miss Alda Grayson of Rutherfordton, N. C.; Miss Mary Crawford of Senoia, Ga.; and Mrs. Charles Cowherd of Tampa, Fla.

On later dates the following missionaries are expected: Mrs. Greene Strother and son, Willies, of Pineville, La.; Mrs. A. S. Gillespie and three children of Reidsville, N. C.; and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ware of Tupelo, Miss.

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American Bible Society Offering, January 23

Mississippi Baptists — Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." I Corinthians 13:8

TELEGRAPHIC NOTES

No. 1. Mississippi Baptists closed out 1948 generously. On December 30th, we deposited receipts in the amount of \$36,927.34 and on the 31st the deposit was 15,588.27. Doxology!

No. 2. Dr. C. Y. Dossey, Assistant S. B. C. Superintendent of Evangelism, will be in Cleveland, Mississippi, Monday, January 10th, at 10:00 a. m. to meet with pastors planning for the Bolivar Association two weeks simultaneous evangelistic campaign July 3-17, 1949. Other nearby pastors would profit by attending this meeting. Present plans call for an all out soul winning effort! It that what we want? That is what it will take!

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"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: BUT THIS ONE THING I DO, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13-14.

I

A New Year is upon us! We have run right squarely into a New Year! What will we do with it as an individual, as a family, as a church, as a denomination? Will we use it aright? Will we return it to our God freighted with spiritual fruits pleasing unto Him? Will we live better lives? Will we right wrongs done? Will we rightly evaluate our words to all men? Will we pray more? Will we study more devotionally the word of God as His love letter to us? Will we win more lost to Christ? Will we give to His word and His work more of our time and money? Will we see that our church gives more of its money to outside causes even as our state forces are giving more to His work beyond the state? Will we be loyal to Him and to others? Will we be more cooperative in His service?

"All on the altar, dear Jesus, Yielded am I to Thee; Take me, and mold me and make me As Thou wouldst have me be. My all for Thee, my all for Thee, Who gave Thine all, dear Lord, for me; Thy will divine, Henceforth is mine, To live for Thee, dear Saviour, for Thee."

II

DATES AND EVENTS TO REMEMBER:
Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference, Columbus, March 1-4.

Six one-day evangelistic revivals, April 4-8.

Associational Moderators and Clerks Meeting, February 22.

Study calendar of activities printed herein for other dates and events.

III

Please note that this phone number has been changed from 4-6384 to 2-6384. Only the first numeral is changed — reduced by two and is 2!

IV

Mississippi Baptist Ideals for 1949.

1. We still work under marching orders from Jesus to "teach all nations," "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," "witness" everywhere. Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8. The need is imperative! The obligation is inescapable! No excuse is valid!

2. We still work under God's word as to financial support: "tithes and offerings," "upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by in store as God has prospered him." Malachi 3. I Corinthians 16:1-2. II Corinthians, chapters 8-9.

3. We are to still follow the example of Jesus and the teachings of the Bible in soul-winning and great evangelistic campaigns. John, chapters 1-5, Acts 19 — note v. 10. Proverbs 11:30, Daniel 12:2-3.

4. We must teach, train, and enlist all His people in all His work. Nehemiah 8.

II Timothy 2:15 and 3:14-4:8.

To these ends we need a church in every area; a filled church at every service; the people filled with the Spirit; a praying, working church; a Bible church; a missionary church not in name only; a tithes and offerings church; a cooperative church; a united church; a loving church; a soul winning church; church revivals; association revivals; stewardship revivals; schools of missions; Vacation Bible schools; Bible study revivals; census taking; Every Member canvass; sending mission monies regularly through Convention Board office; giving largely through Co-operative Program; doing always His will!

V

We are greatly indebted to an outstanding Christian layman and business man in the person of M. F. Rayburn of Meridian, Mississippi, for administrative assistance rendered as in the work. We met him during depression days when we called upon him to help us out in another great project of service. He measured up in every way. We considered him one of two outstanding men we met in all of our travels that year. We have been good friends since. Typical of his nature, he has helped us at the cost of some sacrifice to his own business interest. He did it out of love for the work and out of personal friendship. We can never thank him enough, and Mississippi Baptists owe him a debt of gratitude also. He is a great fellow who never hurts anyone and tries to help everybody. Those qualifications are hard to beat. Psalm 121. I Corinthians 13. John 15.

VI

In the election of Dr. J. D. Ray, Starkville, as president of the Board, we got another worker with Christian statesmanlike leadership, and with Brother G. O. Parker, vice-president, Brother Fred Bookter, recording secretary, and Brother Virgil Ratcliff as his assistant, we have a quartet of stalwarts in strategic places of service in Convention Board life.

Brethren F. K. Horton, Clarksdale; C. W. Thompson, Aberdeen; M. D. Morton, Crystal Springs; and H. A. Scott, Tylertown, added strength to an already strong Executive Committee of the Convention Board.

In Dr. W. E. Greene, Newton, as president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, we have the Mississippi Baptist man of the year in this important post. With Brother Reese Rogers, Collins, as a vice-president, we have an outstanding rural pastor of the South. Brother Ralph Hester, 2nd vice-president, is a fine Christian layman, and Brother George Gay as recording secretary finishes out this strong quartet in leadership.

VII

Friday evening we were down at the Smith County Training Union Association. Brother Quenton Floyd, pastor at Raleigh, was our host and a good supper was enjoyed by all present. Brother Floyd is one of the most refreshing Christian leaders we have in our midst. Despite a big basketball game across the street, the house was filled.

During the day we had some delightful fellowship with Brother Bruce Hibbun, another one of our strongest preachers.

The next day we had some delightful fellowship with Mr. Cooper Walton, one of our fine young Christian layman of Jackson.

While in Jackson attending to denominational affairs, Pastor Fred Bookter received word that his already critically ill Father was worse. We piloted him down in the plane to find in the meantime his father was resting more com-

fortably though still dangerously ill. Brother Bookter has not only had a long and fruitful pastorate on his present field but has rendered unusually fine service to his denomination.

VIII

Sunday morning we were at Foxworth with Pastor E. L. Howell and his faithful people. They had completed a lovely and commodious Educational Annex, and we were dedicating it. The congregation filled the house for an interesting hour of fellowship and worship.

In the evening we were at New Hope with Pastor John S. Trent. Brother Trent is one of our fine young evangelistic speakers. The people were greatly interested in the message on Foreign Missions.

Monday we were with the James Brinsons, some of our fine folks down near Prentiss.

On Tuesday we were with Pastor Homer Roberson, Greenville, a dynamic preacher, and Mr. A. L. Jenkins, prominent churchman and businessman of Lexington.

IX

"Does Jesus Care?"

Why do so many people ask that question? Are they really questioning Jesus? Are they rather questioning those who represent Jesus — His followers, His churches, His denominations?

Maybe when they see more lost people than saved in the world they wonder, "Does Jesus Care?" One third or less of the people of the world even profess to follow Christ!

When the lost see the unconcern of the saved, maybe they ask, "Does Jesus Care?"

When the lost see the sin in the lives of Christians, they ask, "Does Jesus Care?"

You might be surprised at the number of questions "would you come to a small church like ours."

While visiting they have said, "Oh, you folks do not care about me or my family," or, "this will be the last time you will come here," or, "you are the first preacher to visit my home in thirteen years." Such statements are occasional, and yet they seem to put a finger upon the unconcern, the inconsistency, even the hypocrisy of many Christian people. Such statements are not new, for David in the long ago cried, "No man cared for my soul." Psalm 142:4. Such statements are too often true so far as others caring is concerned, but never true about Jesus. He cares! Oh, how much He cares! Look at Him in a manger! He cares! Look at Him in temptation! He cares! Look at Him tired and hungry! He cares! Look at Him hounded, lied upon, beaten, spat upon, slapped, and crucified! He cares. By the thorns that crowned Him, He cares! By the spikes that nailed Him, He cares.

"Does Jesus care when my heart is pained too deeply for mirth or song; As the burdens press, And the cares distress, And the way grows weary and long?"

"Does Jesus care when my way is dark with a nameless dread and fear? As the daylight fades into deep night shades, Does He care enough to be near?"

"Does Jesus care when I've tried and failed to resist some temptation strong; When for my deep grief there is no relief, Tho' my tears flow all the night long?"

"Does Jesus care when I've said 'good-by' to the dearest on earth to me, And my sad heart aches till it nearly breaks, 'O yes, He cares, I know He cares, Is it aught to Him? Does He care?"

His heart is touched with my grief; When the days are weary, The long night dreary, I know my Savior cares."

Co-operative Program Distribution November 1, 1948 - October 31, 1949

Because it is so vital to all the work and because so many are interested, we present below the full Mississippi Baptist Co-operative Program allocations for the current year.

You will please note that the new distribution for state causes is 55 per cent instead of 60 per cent and south-wide causes get 45 per cent instead of 40 per cent. This 5 per cent increase to south-wide and worldwide causes reduces by 5 per cent the amount to state causes. All the state causes save one shared in this reduction. It meant only a slight reduction when distributed among the several state causes.

See that your church makes an advance in the percentage of monies going through the Co-operative Program to all these various causes in the work of Christ.

The allocation follows:

SOUTHWIDE CAUSES		45%
Foreign Mission Board	50%	
Home Mission Board	17.5%	
Southern Seminary	4.5%	
Southwestern Seminary	4.5%	
New Orleans Seminary	4.5%	
W.M.U. Training School	1%	
American Seminary	2%	
Relief and Annuity Board	13%	
Radio Commission	1.9%	
Baptist Brotherhood	1%	
Southern Baptist Hospital	0.1%	
STATE CAUSES		55%
Christian Education	22%	
Mississippi College	32%	
Woman's College	21%	
Blue Mountain College	27%	
Clarke College	20%	
State Missions	23%	
Mississippi Baptist Hospital	1%	
Ministerial Education	2%	
Radio	11.4%	
Baptist Foundation	3.4%	
Baptist Orphanage	5%	
Total	100%	

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BAPTISTS MAKE \$46,000 RELIEF GIFT

NEW YORK —(RNS)— Gifts amounting to more than \$46,000 have been made to four organizations by the World Relief Committee of the Northern Baptist Convention, it was announced here.

Largest single donation—more than \$24,000—went to Church World Service, interdenominational relief agency. The American Baptist Foreign Mission Society received \$17,000, the Baptist World Alliance, \$3,900 and CARE, \$1,000.

The allocations provide for aid to displaced persons, refugee work in China and India and Japanese relief.

At its meeting in Memphis, Tennessee in May, 1948, the Southern Baptist Convention adopted the following recommendation, presented by the Executive Committee:

That the Southern Baptist Convention observe Baptist World Alliance Sunday on February 6, 1949, and authorize an offering with 50 per cent going to world relief and 50 per cent going to the operating expenses of the Baptist World Alliance.

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Our Thanks

We are grateful for the large number of friends who sent Christmas greetings. It is impossible to acknowledge all of them. We are asking all to accept these words as our thanks with the wish that 1949 may be the most prosperous year you have ever known both spiritually and materially.

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Dr. Thomas J. Watts

Thousands of our Southern Baptist pastors and hundreds of other denominational workers owe a debt they can never pay to Thomas Joseph Watts, who, in Waco, Texas, near the midnight hour, December 20, answered the final summons and went to be with the Lord.

A little less than two years ago, he had retired from the task that to him was dearer than life itself, but unto the day of his passing he had maintained as keen an interest as ever in the work he had so long directed.

Dr. Watts succeeded to his place of leadership in the Relief and Annuity Board when the first secretary, Dr. William Lunsford, was called home. For practically twenty years, Dr. Watts served as the Board's executive secretary, giving to the task a salesmanship of rare quality, lofty vision that nothing could obscure, high courage that nothing could daunt, an optimism that ignored discouragement, and a faith no circumstance could shake.

This denominational board, now ministering to more than twenty-three hundred aged ministers and their wives or widows, is more the lengthened shadow of Thomas J. Watts than many denominational leaders today may realize.

Dr. Watts and his twin brother Joseph Thomas, were born in Raleigh, North Carolina, March 19, 1874, sons of a strict Catholic father, a captain in the Confederate Army, and a staunch Baptist moth-

er. Reared in the Catholic Church until told by the priest they were old enough to become altar boys the twins experienced a real spiritual rebirth in a revival meeting in progress in the First Baptist Church of their city, and were baptized into the fellowship of that church by Dr. Columbus Durham, then the state mission secretary. Staunch Baptists they became, and have remained ever since. The brother Joseph T., only recently retired from the state secretaryship of the Maryland Baptist Union Association after an outstanding career in denominational service, now lives in Baltimore, Maryland, honored by the Baptists of that city and state.

The lad, Thomas J., passed the North Carolina examination, becoming a registered pharmacist at nineteen years of age, and entered the drug business at Barnesville, Georgia. There followed five years of the painstaking compounding of medicines for the physically ill and as painstaking leadership in things of the spirit in the B.Y.P.U. of the local Baptist church. The church licensed him to preach in 1898; he entered the seminary at Louisville in 1903 to prepare himself for the gospel ministry. The next twenty years were served in the pastorate and in various positions of denominational trust in Missouri, Kentucky, and South Carolina.

In the fall of 1925, Dr. Watts came to the Relief and Annuity Board, associated with Dr. William Lunsford, then the executive secretary; and, upon Dr. Lunsford's death in May, 1927, he was elected to the secretaryship. This office he filled most acceptably to the entire Southern Baptist Convention, seeing the Board grow in those two decades of leadership from a comparatively small financial institution to one that was fostering retirement plans, offering age security to all salaried workers of the denomination.

He married, August 15, 1894, Miss Margaret G. Whitelaw. Of that union two children survive, Mary Emily and Emily Mary, twins, both living today in the Carolinas.

Following Mrs. Watts' decease, he married, October 6, 1934, Mrs. Sarah Jenkins Graves of Waco, Texas, a daughter of the late Judge Jenkins of Waco, and a sister of Mrs. George W. Truett of Dallas.

No one who has passed from this earthly scene in recent years was more deserving of expressions of gratitude than was Thomas J. Watts, who loved his fellowman, especially those "of the household of faith;" above all, his fellow preachers of the everlasting gospel as he held it dear.

Our Eighth Year

With this issue we begin our eighth year as editor of The Baptist Record. For seven years we have made the editing of The Baptist Record our main work. The Record has been continually on our mind and heart during these years. The work is interesting, and we hope the Record is helpful.

As we start our eighth year, we are grateful to so many for so much. Pastors and laymen all over the state have rendered valuable aid. State workers, as well as Baptist Building workers, have been cooperative and helpful in the promotion of the Record in circulation and editorial content.

We renew our two-fold pledge often made and continually kept.

1. To keep The Baptist Record true to the Bible.

2. To promote the work of Mississippi Baptists and to publish nothing that we think will hurt our work.

We shall try to make the Record more interesting and helpful in the coming year. To aid us in making this wish a fact, we covet the prayers and the continued support of all who love the Lord and the work of Mississippi Baptists.

Help us to make the Record a better paper.

—BR—

Some Resolutions For 1949

Let every Baptist in Mississippi make the year 1949 the most significant and glorious year in Mississippi Baptist history. Mississippi Baptists are judged by the conduct of all and not by the faithful and consecrated ones. No chain is stronger than its weakest link. Weak, careless, indifferent, lazy and sinning Baptists will hinder the work of the Lord and cause many unworthy remarks to be made about those who least deserve them.

Below we list a few resolutions that should challenge all blood-bought, Christ-loving and God-serving Baptists. You say, "I never make resolutions because I am afraid I may not keep them." 'Tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all. Set these resolutions as your goal and even if you do not keep all of them for the whole year, you will do better by trying than not to try at all.

1. Encourage your pastor by raising his salary if he has not had one lately. The price of things has "riz."

2. Plan to live a cleaner and more useful life in 1949 than in 1947.

3. Try tithing. It will enrich

your life.

4. Read reverently some portion of the Bible every day.

5. Pray at least once daily.

6. Endeavor to live so that others will know that you are a Christian.

7. Contribute regularly and worthily to your church.

8. Faithfully attend all the services of your church.

9. Try to win at least one soul to Christ during the year.

10. Seek to know God's will for your life and then try to do His will.

Give of your time. Forever silence that time-worn excuse that we are too busy to serve in this or that place. We owe Him a tithe of our time just as truly as we owe Him a tithe of our money.

Closely connected with giving of our time is the gift of our talent. Serve Him wherever opportunity offers itself. Forget that old excuse that lack of ability prohibits leadership, fellowship is also badly needed.

Next week we plan to have some resolutions for churches.

—BR—

To 69 Baptists Or Church Treasurers Or Church Clerks

The Baptist Record would have 63,000 circulation this week if only 69 more subscriptions had been received. We thank you for your good intentions but it takes actual names to count.

Get them to us by next, Tuesday, Please.

—BR—

Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—
Editor.

Prayer Indicated

To be commended is Clyde Gilliland, the homebuilder, who lately officially started his Irmadale Subdivision on Avon and Tutwiler, with a prayer and earth-breaking ceremony by his pastor, the Rev. George Coleman.

Not only is Mr. Gilliland asking for divine guidance, but is promising one-tenth of all his profits to his church, the Park Avenue Cumberland Presbyterian.

It brings to mind that back along the Eastern Seacoast where stand the great homes now looked upon as historical and architectural showplaces, a prayer was considered customary at a ground-breaking.

In this hurry-up, nerve-jangled life it seems that perhaps a prayer might be a fitting introduction to many activities. — Commercial Appeal.

—BR—

The Word of God For Hungry-Hearted People! GIVE!

American Bible Society,
Offering, January 23

-- Woman's Missionary Union --

President—Mrs. Wilma E. Hodge, Jackson; Exec. Secy.—Miss Edwina Robinson
Young People's Secy.—Miss Nell Taylor

The next several issues of The Baptist Record will carry a listing of the State Mission Week of Prayer receipts of the Woman's Missionary Unions of Mississippi. The total offering has gone beyond \$35,000 (the December total receipts are not available at this time)*. This money is a part of the total State Mission receipts for 1948, and is allocated by the State Mission Board. The Woman's Missionary Union is entrusted with the stewardship of \$9,500 State Mission money for the following work:

Camp Garaywa Maintenance \$3,650.00
R.A. Field Work 3,000.00
Negro Woman Worker,
(Sal. and Exp.) 1,700.00
Indian Youth Work 275.00
Negro Youth Work 275.00
Scholarships (1 each)
BMC, MC and MWC
(Mission Volunteers) 600.00

\$9,500.00

Our operating budget of \$17,500 comes from the Cooperative Program before it is divided.

* This list is furnished by the book-keeping department of the Convention Board.

W. M. U. STATE MISSION WEEK OF PRAYER RECEIPTS

September — December 1948

ADAMS-FRANKLIN

Bude 41.00
Hopewell 8.00
Lucien 8.50
Meadville 49.56
Natchez First 346.83
New Hope 7.25
Providence 8.50
Quentin 15.00
Roxie 28.25
Natchez-Westside 40.00

ALCORN CO.

Corinth West 26.00
Corinth First 184.75
Corinth Tate Street x 37.90
Hinkle Creek 30.00
Rienzi 11.25

ATTALA CO.

Elhei 10.00
Hurricane 11.50
Kosciusko First 155.25
Kosciusko Second 10.00
Mc Adams 15.40
Mc Cool 10.00
Sallis 32.50
Unity 14.00

BENTON CO.

Ashland 61.41

BOLIVAR CO.

Benoit 20.50
Boyle 83.71
Cleveland First 217.00
Dupcan 93.09
Gunnison 16.75
Interstate 6.00
Merigold 58.00
Morris Chapel 22.00
Rosedale 83.47
Shaw 50.00
Shelby 41.00

CALHOUN CO.

Banner 15.00
Bethany 44.40
Bruce 67.11
Calhoun City First 280.16
Calvary 25.50
Derma 40.00
Pittsboro 20.00
Sabougla 15.00
Vardaman 40.50

CARROLL CO.

North Carrollton 30.00
Carrollton 13.75
Coila 5.00
McCarley 4.50
Mt. Pisgah 5.00

Valden 9.00
CHICKASAW CO.

Houlka 35.00
Houston 113.00
Okolona 35.25

CHOCTAW CO.

Ackerman 82.17
Concord 6.00
Weir 21.10

CLARKE CO.

Center Ridge 15.50
De Soto 21.25
Enterprise 20.00
Harmony 16.00
Pachuta 25.00
Quitman 77.00
Shubuta 39.50
Stonewall 2.55
Union 14.00

CLAY CO.

Pheba 13.00
West Point First 770.57

COLUMBUS — LOWNDES

Artesia 7.00
Border Springs 13.00
Columbus—Calvary 27.63
Columbus—East End 30.15
Columbus—First 1,060.80
Mt. Vernon 17.00
Mt. Zion 27.85
New Salem 19.00
Plymouth Street 27.00

COPIAH CO.

Antioch 44.50
Bethel 9.25
County Line 33.00
Crystal Springs 116.60
Damascus 14.60
Gallman 5.56
Georgetown 45.00
Harmony 6.00
Hazlehurst 392.70
Hopewell 23.50
Pine Bluff 8.50
Pleasant Hill 10.00
Smyrna 20.00
Spring Hill 16.00
Strong Hope 9.25
Sylvarena 20.00
Wesson 54.05

COVINGTON CO.

Cold Springs 7.00
Collins 67.65
Mt. Horebt 5.00
Mt. Olive 50.00
Rock Hill 7.55
Salem 66.16
Sanford 13.75
Seminary 45.50
Williamsburg 12.00
New Hope 13.10

DEER CREEK

Angulla 83.25
Arcola 57.50
Belzoni 112.21
Cary 10.00
Catchings 11.80
Darlove 21.88
Greenville First 486.00
Greenville Second 34.00
Hollandale 92.70
Isola 10.50
Leland 435.00
Rolling Fork 41.50
Silver City 11.00
St. Bayou 13.40
Swiftwater 5.00

DE SOTO

Eudora 65.67
Hernando 56.35
Horn Lake 14.50
New Prospect 10.75
Olive Branch 16.00
Pleasant Hill 12.00

GEORGE CO.

Agricola 20.00
Barton 8.00
Lucedale 170.61
Rocky Creek 42.30
Shady Grove 25.00

(Continued next Week)

— BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT —

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary

EDWINA MAY, Office Secretary

The New Year—Its Opportunities

We face the new year with some degree of justifiable pride in the work that we accomplished in 1948. We did not accomplish anything that the Lord did not expect us to and probably failed Him many times, but through His grace, He smiled His approval upon our work. We reported seventy new Brotherhoods to the Southwide office in 1948. Doubtless, there should have been more, but we are thankful for this number.

The responsibility for the promotion of Brotherhood work in Mississippi rest squarely upon the shoulders of our Brotherhood leaders. By Brotherhood leaders, we mean State officers,

District officers, Associational officers, local Brotherhood officers. Pastors, and the Brotherhood Department of our Convention Board. The Brotherhood Secretary is reminded often of his own limitations and is entirely aware of the fact that the work will lag if the above mentioned individuals do not share in the promotion of our work.

Our opportunities are unlimited. A Million Men For Christ! What an undertaking! 1949 should prove to be the banner year in our effort to enlist men in Christian service. May the great God whom we serve continue to smile His approval upon our feeble efforts.

Plans Complete For Brookhaven Bible Conference Next Week



JAMES LEO GREEN

Dr. James Leo Green, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida, will speak on Old Testament themes during the Bible Conference at First Baptist Church, Brookhaven, January 10 - 14. Dr. Green, a native Mississippian, was formerly head of the Department of Old Testament Interpretation at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville. For a number of years he has been active in evangelistic work in churches and colleges throughout the southland.

Dr. Green received the B. A. degree from Mississippi College, and the Th.M. and Ph.D. from Louisville Seminary.

Other speakers in the Bible Conference will be Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of the First Baptist Church, New Orleans; Dr. R. B. Jones, pastor of the Central Baptist Church, Chattanooga; Dr. Wyatt Hunter, pastor of the First Baptist Church, McComb; and others.

The conference opens at 7 p. m. on Monday with Dr. Jones and Dr. Green as the speakers for the opening session. One hour before the opening session the Men's Brotherhood, which is the organization sponsoring this Bible Conference, will hold its regular supper meeting with Dr. Green as the speaker. Dr. Green, Dr. Grey and Dr. Jones will each speak twice daily Tuesday through Friday. At 4 o'clock each afternoon a forum will be conducted by a state pastor on subjects that will be interesting and helpful to all pastors.

A limited number of sleeping ac-

NORTHWEST MISSISSIPPI PASTORS CONFERENCE TO MEET AT BATESVILLE

The Northwest Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference is to meet on January 11 at the Batesville Church at 9:45 a. m.

Rev. Earle George, Rev. F. V. McFatrige, and Dr. C. S. Henderson are to appear on the morning program. Luncheon and Fellowship are scheduled for the noon hour, and Rev. M. G. Reedy is to speak in the afternoon.

The meeting is to adjourn at 3 p. m.

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SOUTHWEST MINISTERS TO MEET ON JANUARY 10

The Southwest Mississippi Baptist Ministers' Conference will meet on Monday, January 10, at 9:30 a. m. with the Friendship Church, Pike County, and Pastor Glen Smith. The host church is making plans for dinner and fellowship for all who attend.

An interesting program has been prepared, under the direction of Program Chairman Dr. Wyatt Hunter. Dr. B. B. Hall of Natchez is to bring the sermon. Rev. B. T. Bishop of Meadville, Dr. W. A. Sullivan of Natchez, and others are to appear on the program. The Widow's Supplement Plan is to be discussed by a State Board representative.

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MRS. JOHN W. BOYD

Mrs. John W. Boyd, age 88, died December 18. She lived in Hollandale with her daughter, Mrs. Olivia Smith. Interment was in the family cemetery near Carter's Creek Church in Pike County.

Funeral services were in charge of her pastor, Rev. W. P. Davis, Pastor of the First Church, Hollandale, and a former Hollandale pastor, Rev. J. B. Smith of Magee.

Survivors are the following children: Rev. J. L. Boyd, Clinton; Mrs. Lillie Thornhill, Columbus; Mrs. Emma Dunaway, Angulla; H. L. Boyd, Raleigh; L. G. Boyd, Batesville; D. V. Boyd, Houston; F. H. Boyd, McComb; and 79 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

—BR—

INVEST IN ETERNITY! Provide BIBLES For Hungry-Hearted People! American Bible Society Offering, January 23

commodations will be provided for Mississippi pastors. These reservations may be had by writing Dr. W. Landon Miller, pastor, First Baptist Church, Brookhaven.

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES OF 1949

Presented by
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

January—

Co-operative Program Emphasis.
Church Schools of Missions.
The Theological Seminaries.
W. M. U. Training School.
Training Union Bible Reading Crusade.
Training Union Revival and Leadership School in Copiah.
16 BSU Student Life Commitment Day.

February—

Annual meeting Mississippi Associational Moderators and Clerks.
9:00-4:00, Feb. 22, Baptist Building.
Training Union Prayer Meeting Attendance Emphasis, Goal of 500 churches promoting this project.
1-4 BSU local secretaries seminar and Mississippi Religious Education Association.
Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 6.
Stewardship Sunday, February 13.
Student Evangelistic Week, February 13-19.
6-12 G. A. Focus Week.
28-March 4 Home Mission Season of Prayer.

March—

1-4 Mississippi Baptist Evangelistic Conference, Columbus.
8-9 Sunday School Convention, Columbus.
Associational Brotherhood Rallies.
13 BSU Summer Service Enlistment Day.
20-25 Clarke College BSU Focus Week.
Training Union Simultaneous Enlargement Campaign, Bolivar County.
Training Union Study Courses.
Home and Foreign Missions Day in Sunday School and Offering, March 27.
29-31 State WMU Convention, First Baptist, Jackson.

April—

4-9 Six one-day evangelistic stands with Dr. Robert G. Lee as speaker at Clinton, Brookhaven, Biloxi, 15th Avenue Meridian, Pontotoc and Clarksdale.
Associational Music Festivals.
Relief and Annuity Board Offering for the Relief of Aged Ministers.
Christian Literature and Church Libraries.
Sunday School Training Courses.
Training Union Youth Week April 3-10.
3 Installation BSU Officers.

May—

District Music Festivals.
2 May Festival BMC.
28 Senior-Alumna Day BMC.
29 Baccalaureate Sermon BMC.
30 Commencement BMC.
22 BSU Southern Baptist Convention Day.
Training Union Associational Elimination Contests.
May 24-August 27 Camps at Garaywa (14 periods).
Christian Home Week, May 1-8.
Hospital Day on Mother's Day, May 8.
Sunbeam Focus Week, May 8-14.
W. M. U. Annual Meeting, May 16.
Southern Baptist Convention, May 18.

June—

12-26 Deer Creek Association wide Evangelistic Campaign with C. Y. Dossey.
Christian Education.
Vacation Bible Schools.
Ridgecrest Assemblies.
Radio—The Baptist Hour.
2 Summer session starts BMC.
Fifteen District Training Union Conventions.
Associational Brotherhood Rallies.
8-15 BSU Retreat, Ridgecrest.

July—

3-7 Bolivar Association wide Evangelistic Campaign with C. Y. Dossey.
Training Union Revival and Leadership School, Alcorn County.
Special Training Union Study Courses for Rural Churches.
Ridgecrest Assemblies.
BSU Summer Service, Youth Revivals, etc.
12-16 WMS Camp at Garaywa.
State Music Leadership Clinic July 31-August 5, First Baptist, Jackson.

August—

Special Training Union Study Courses for Rural Churches.
Mississippi Association Training Union Encampment.
6-12 YWA Focus Week.
BSU Summer Service, Youth Revivals, etc.
3-9 World Baptist Youth Congress, Stockholm, Sweden.
18-24 Brotherhood Assembly Ridgecrest.
10 Summer Convocation BMC.

September—

Training Union Reorganization Month.
Local Training Union Officers' Clinic.
Associational Brotherhood Rallies.
September Sundays, BSU Join-the-Church Days.
19-22 State Mission WMU Week of Prayer.
Southern Baptist and State Foundations.
Training Union Study Courses.
15 Seventy-Seventh Annual Session Begins BMC.

October—

9 Laymen's Day.
7-8 State Music Convention.
State BSU Convention.
Training Union Enlargement Campaigns for Local Churches.
Oct. 31-Nov. 11 District Brotherhood Conferences for 8 Districts.
25-Nov. 4 WMU District Meetings.
State Papers & Missionary Magazines.
Every Member Canvass.
Enlistment Day in Churches on or near 16th.
State Missions in Sunday Schools October 23.
Sunday School Training Courses.
30-Nov. 13, Lebanon Associational Evangelistic Campaign with C. E. Matthews.

November—

Mississippi Baptist Convention.
Training Union Associational Officers' Clinics, state wide.
BSU Thanksgiving Emphasis.
6-12 R. A. Focus Week.
15-December 15, Associational Brotherhood Rallies.
Brotherhood State Conference Date to be set.
22 Southwide Simultaneous Associational Sunday School Meetings.
Thanksgiving Offerings for Orphanage.

December—

"M" Day for Associational Training Unions.
30 State Training Union Convention.
BSU Student Night at Christmas 18 or 25.
5-9 Foreign Mission WMU Week of Prayer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary
MRS. F. C. FRENCH, Office Secretary



MRS. F. C. FRENCH

The above picture is that of Mrs. P. C. French, office secretary of the Sunday School Department, and who is now finishing twenty-five years of service with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Only two of the present Board employees have served longer than Mrs. French.

Her record is one of faithful, loyal, cooperative service, ever eager to help advance our great program of work. All of us are indebted to her for such noble service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

Our 1949 Sunday School Convention will be in the First Baptist Church, Columbus, on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 8-9.

Be sure and hold that date.

We have a great program planned and the personnel is such as to give us the very best in the Sunday school field.

JANUARY AND JOHN

Remember, we begin 1949 with a week's special Bible study for all the church, using the Gospel of John.

How great and far-reaching in possibilities to begin the New Year in a special study of God's Word for our people! We hope that every school will plan such a study.

—BR—

Dr. Lang Much in Demand As Speaker About Negro Work

By R. E. Willis

Over a period of several weeks, Dr. Herbert L. Lang, President of Mississippi Baptist Seminary, has been in almost constant demand as a speaker, mainly by the various White Baptist Bodies of the state. Among the bodies addressed by Dr. Lang were the Deer Creek Baptist Association, the Hinds County Baptist Association, Women's Council of Community Missions, in the Baptist Building in Jackson, the Piny Woods Country Life School and the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, which held its annual session in the First Baptist Church in Jackson.

Speaking to the Mississippi Baptist State Convention on the subject "Christian Education and Theological Training—The Way Out" this eminent pulpiteer, Theologian, and scholar, reasoned both logically and philosophically, and spoke with the sagacity of a Paul and with the eloquence of a Cicero, to the great delight of the throng of Negroes and Whites who assembled for the occasion.



MRS. W. L. BLANKINSHIP

Mrs. W. L. Blankinship, superintendent of Cradle Roll work, of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will be with us for this work at our Sunday School Convention in Columbus, March 8-9.

She is eminently qualified in every way for this great part of our program.

Cradle Roll workers will certainly covet this rare opportunity with this capable leader.

—BR—

Oak Ridge Workers Appeal For Land For Church Sites

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. —(RNS)—Atomic workers want to build churches. And the congregations want their own building sites in the atomic city of Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Twenty Oak Ridge ministers who are without churches have appealed to Senator-elect Estes Kefauver for help in obtaining lands within the atomic areas as sites for church buildings.

"Oak Ridge needs permanency," says Senator Kefauver, "and no community can have this without churches. The Government has retained title to all lands on the atomic project, hence there has been no space available for people to erect churches. I will do all possible to impress the AEC officials with the necessity for churches."

The ministers explained they had been unable to make much headway with AEC officials in their campaign to obtain church space.

Oak Ridge now has only one church building, the chapel on the Hill, just off the business section, Jackson Square. The wooden building was modernized after the Government started the Oak Ridge project, and now is used by various churches on a rotation basis.

When the chapel is in use, other denominations use school rooms and auditoriums. But Kefauver pointed out "a schoolroom is not conducive to church atmosphere."

Several churches probably will be started immediately, once AEC gives the nod. The First Baptist church of Oak Ridge is drawing plans.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

BOX 530 - - - PHONE 2-1600 - - - JACKSON
CHAS. W. HORNER, Secretary

Why So Many Student Secretaries?

Last issue, inadvertently under the Training Union column, we wrote of the importance of our college students, and that college pastors and college churches (and, we add, all the rest of us) should do all they can to help spiritually these our potential leaders.

This week we come to answer the question, why so many Student Secretaries? Mississippi has, next to Texas, the largest number of Student Secretaries of any state in the South. We have fifteen! We are thankful to the Lord for them. We believe sincerely that they are the best such group in the South. They love the Lord and are trying to get college students to love Him too. This group is working with students at great financial sacrifice. Every Student Secretary in Mississippi is underpaid. Your State Student Secretary prays that the day will soon come when our Student Secretaries will be paid salaries commensurate with even other church workers of like preparation and ability.

Every cent of the \$13,000 recently appropriated for Campus Work by our State Convention Board helps to pay the salaries of these fifteen workers. The local church or churches, and in a few instances also the Sunday School Board pay the rest. Most of our Mississippi Baptist college churches are small, numerically and

financially, and, therefore, need all the outside help they can get for their student programs. How we thank God for our college pastors and college churches who are doing all they can to help our college students!

Why these fifteen Student Secretaries (and we need about fifteen more)? Well, Student Secretaries lead college students to join and be an active member of the local church; they lead them in soul-winning, Bible study, prayer, Christian recreation; they counsel with the students; they are the go-between of the faculty and students; they are, in truth, the "spiritual coaches" on college campuses; they lead in adding the spiritual or Christian to the mental and physical emphases of college, and, among other things, Student Secretaries give permanency to the Student Program, for while college students are matriculating and graduating every year, the Student Secretary stays on to keep on with Christ's work. Student Secretaries are just as important to a college and a college town church as an educational director is to any church. How we pray that Mississippi Baptists, year by year, will increase their Campus Work appropriations and, thereby increase the number of our Student Secretaries so that we, as a denomination, shall more nearly capture and claim that all-important group, our college students, for Christ!

Popular Projects Promoted By Relief Center

NEW ORLEANS — Two special projects of the Southern Baptist Relief Center here are, to use the vernacular, "going like hot cakes." They are:

1. The eleven pound assorted food box. Known far and wide as "HOPE boxes," the packages can be purchased from the center for \$5.00, which includes delivery anywhere in the world. HOPE stands for Help Other People Eat.

2. Seeds for Peace. In cooperation with one of the South's leading seed dealers, the Center is able to buy and ship for \$4.00 enough seeds to grow five tons of vegetables. "Help them feed themselves" is the slogan.

Order blanks for the HOPE boxes may be obtained from the Southern Baptist Relief Center, 601 South Olympia Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. You are invited also to send your money for "Seeds of Peace" to the same address.

—BR—

REV. F. G. WILBORN

Rev. F. G. Wilborn, age 49, died at the Mississippi Southern Infirmary in Hattiesburg near midnight on December 30. Funeral services were held January 1 at 10 a. m. in White Sand Church, with Rev. Glenwood Taylor, pastor of Oloh Church in Marion County, officiating.

Mr. Wilborn is survived by his wife and four children: Bobby Wilborn, Sumrall; Gayle Wilborn, Jr., who is a student at Mississippi College; Gene and Zoe Ann, Poplarville.

A native of Kentucky, Mr. Wilborn had lived in Mississippi for several years. At the time of his death he was pastor of White Sand and Ford's Creek churches in Pearl River County. Other Mississippi pastorates were Spring Creek, Neshoba County; Oloh, Lamar County and Rocky Creek, George County.

Andrew Q. Allen To Become S. S. Secretary in Texas

Andrew Q. Allen, director of public relations for the Baptist General convention of Texas, has accepted the position as State Baptist Sunday School Secretary.

He succeeds Dr. G. S. Hopkins, who will retire December 31 after 23 years as State Sunday School leader.

A native of Petersburg, Texas, the new Sunday School secretary is a graduate of the University of Texas in Business Administration. He also holds the Master of Religious Education degree from the Southwestern Baptist Theological seminary, Fort Worth, and the Master of Arts degree in Elementary Education from the George Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn.

Well-known to Baptists of Texas and the South, Allen served for five years as Dr. Hopkins' associate from 1929 to 1934. He was State Sunday School Secretary for three years in Tennessee and worked for seven years with the Southern Baptist Sunday School board in Nashville.

In 1944, he returned to Texas as business manager of Baylor Hospital in Dallas. He assumed his present position with the state Baptist board as director of public relations in June, 1947.

—BR—

Please be patient. The Baptist Record has on hand a large number of articles both long and short. So if your article does not appear as soon as you expect it, be as patient with us as you can. We will get it in as soon as possible. Some articles have already waited six months.

—BR—

G. L. Keen of Chester Church, Choctaw Association, recently sent a nice list of renewal subscriptions from that church.

Church Groups Warn of Mexican Imposter Evidence Disproves Claims

NEW YORK CITY, Church groups today were warned to be on the alert for financial appeals from a Captain Lawrence Aber of Guadalajara, Mexico.

The Foreign Missions Conference of North America—the nation's largest Protestant missions agency, comprised of 108 major foreign mission boards and agencies—revealed that Aber has mailed numerous appeals to this country for support of "missions projects" in Mexico. Investigations conducted by the agency have failed to uncover any of the projects.

Aber's letters have appeared in such widely scattered towns as Bismark, N. D.; New York City; McAlester, Okla., and Seattle, Wash.

The letters are written in longhand, and are usually accompanied by a crudely printed pamphlet describing Aber's mission work. The communications are generally addressed "To any Protestant church" in a given town.

Over a period of years, Aber's letters have appealed variously for support of a mission church, mission school, a Bible - printing project, money for a boat, medical supplies and books.

A photostatic copy of a telegram distributed recently in this country asked for donations for his wife, said to be seriously ill.

An accredited missionary who visited

Aber shortly after this announcement reported that Mrs. Aber was in perfect health. The missionary said that Aber was "very nervous," and chain-smoked throughout the visit. He described the couple as living in a comfortable apartment, and conducting business from a "nice office."

In the course of correspondence with Lt. Col. Gearing of the Salvation Army in Mexico, Aber said he was a graduate with a class of Salvation Army workers in London in 1899. This would have been at the age of 14, if his representations of his birth as 1885 are correct.

In some instances, Aber claims to be a native of Mexico; in others a British subject educated in the United States. He is reported to have a son studying in this country.

Reports made after an investigation of Mr. Aber's activities are "entirely unfavorable," according to a statement issued by Dr. Stanley Rycroft, executive secretary of the Foreign Missions Conference's Latin America Committee. Commenting further, Dr. Rycroft said: "Persons desirous of making gifts to missionary work should take the precaution of satisfying themselves as to the bona-fide character of any appeal, by checking first with their own denominational headquarters."

He concluded by pointing out that many worth-while Protestant missions in South America are in need of support by American contributors.

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**American Bible Society
Offering, January 23**

Baptists Go Forward In Evangelism

By Rev. Henry Cook of London,
Chairman of The Committee
on Evangelism of the Baptist
World Alliance

The great need of our time is the acceptance by the world of the redeeming grace of God in Christ. Nothing else can save us. Over wide areas of the world there is steady disintegration both moral and social. Unrest and unhappiness abound, and the heart of men are filled with foreboding and fear. No panaceas of politicians or economists, whether right or left, can meet the need, because the basis of all sound society is the moral character of the men and women who compose it. For the home, for industry, for community life in all its forms, in village or town, in national or international relationships, the one indispensable necessity is Christian character, and that can be created only as Christ Himself is received and acknowledged in the heart. So we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ.

In this evangelistic enterprise Baptists have always been in the forefront; as is inevitable, in view of their loyalty to the New Testament message Carey, Judson, Spurgeon, Oncken, Pavlov, Truett — these and others less known but equally devoted, have offered Christ to men as Saviour and Lord. And what we need is that the Evangelistic fire burn no less brightly in our churches today. The world cannot be saved without Christ, and

we must be faithful to our evangelistic task wherever the opportunity comes. The need is desperate, and God is calling us all to renewed consecration for the spread of the Gospel. Behold now is the accepted time; behold now is the day of salvation.

Already in many areas of our great Baptist field the work is going forward. In Australia our people are engaged in a commonwealth-wide crusade; so in South Africa, so in Canada, so in the United States.

In Germany there were 6,500 baptisms last year! in Italy and France young people are more responsive to the message than ever before; and everywhere we have our encouragements. Evangelism is increasingly becoming a living concern of the whole Church of God, and some denominations hitherto apathetic, are beginning to feel the glow of spiritual enthusiasm. God is laying His challenge on every Christian heart, and in the break-down of civilization He is presenting us with a problem which is an unparalleled opportunity.

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Many Baptists throughout the state will be interested in the following note from Alph Rose of Vicksburg, who has appeared in many Baptist churches giving religious programs of magic. "On December 31 I shall be received by baptism into membership of the First Church, Vicksburg. I somehow feel that my hundreds of friends in the denomination would be pleased to know this. For the last year or more my work has been almost exclusively among Baptist churches, and if you have heard me you will know that I have been preaching Baptist doctrine, so I should have been on the inside instead of the outside long ago."

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LOUISIANA BAPTISTS EXCEED 1948 BUDGET

SHREVEPORT, La. —(BP)— The century-old organization of Louisiana Baptists reviewed past achievements and launched a greatly enlarged program in its annual sessions here. Part of the convention program was a centennial celebration at Mt. Lebanon where the group was organized in 1848.

The convention adopted the largest budget in its history — \$622,000, and it is believed that designated gifts may swell the total 1949 program beyond a million dollars. Following announcement that the 1948 budget goal of \$380,000 has been exceeded, the Convention voted that \$50,000 of the 1948 surplus be added to the Louisiana College endowment and \$30,000 to Acadian Academy.

Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor of First Church of New Orleans, was the unanimous choice of the messengers as convention president.

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TEXAS BAPTISTS SEEK LOW-POWER STATIONS

DALLAS, Texas—(RNS)—The Baptist General Convention of Texas plan to ask the Federal Communications Commission to allow churches to operate low-power radio stations on a band now restricted to use by educational institutions.

Dr. R. Alton Reed, director of radio activities for the Convention, said he would show the FCC that 170 Texas Baptist churches want to operate low-power frequency modulation stations for religious broadcasts. Twenty-three of the churches are in Dallas.

He said the stations, costing not more than \$2,500 each, would operate with a power of ten watts. They would cover a radius of only three to five miles.

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N. C. Baptists Ask State To Outlaw Gambling

CHARLOTTE, N. C. —(RNS)— A resolution asking the State Legislature to outlaw all gambling and to authorize a state-wide referendum on the liquor question was adopted here at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

At the same time, the Convention recommended the establishment of state-operated clinics for the treatment of alcoholics. It also urged an educational program in the schools to teach the evil effects of alcohol, and enforcement of an existing law requiring that temperance be taught in the public schools. It was recommended that Congress pass the Capper Bill to outlaw interstate liquor advertising.

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MONEY WILL BUY

A bed but not sleep
Books but not brains
Food but not appetite
Finery but not beauty
A house but not a home
Medicine but not health
Luxuries but not culture
Amusements but not happiness
A crucifix but not a Saviour
A church but not a heaven.

But what you cannot buy you can receive as a gift—

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). — The Circle.

Dr. Chester E. Swor Named Leader In Van Winkle Revival SCHEDULED FOR JAN. 16-21



DR. CHESTER E. SWOR

Van Winkle Church, Jackson will begin a revival on January 16, with Mississippi's own Chester Swor leading. Dr. Swor is known nationally as an inspired counsellor, a compelling speaker, and a brilliant scholar. He was a popular speaker at the Ridgecrest Student Retreat in 1949, as well as in other years.

Morning worship services will be held at 7 o'clock, Monday through Friday, and evening services will begin at 7:30. At the close of the main service each evening an informal conference session will be held. In these conferences Dr. Swor will discuss the problems of youth and answer questions placed in boxes conveniently located in the church.

All are invited to attend the services throughout the week and to share in the messages from one whose life is truly a shadow of the Christ he loves.

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Christian Love Illustrated

A striking illustration of the power of Christian forgiveness and love was seen and heard at the recent Foreign Missions Assembly at Columbus, Ohio.

Dr. Takua Matsumoto, principle of the Methodist Girl's School in Hiroshima, Japan, was one of six survivors out of 368 teachers and students who died when the atom bomb from an American plane obliterated that city.

When he stood to speak he first expressed his feeling of penitence because the Christians of Japan had not been strong enough to prevent the military control of that country. He then thanked the American people for the food, clothing and money that had been sent to meet the needs of his suffering people.

Through somewhat short in physical stature, this humble Christian stood tall in spiritual stature.

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THAT MEN MAY SEE (\$1) by Walter D. Kallenbach, points the way to men who are groping in the darkness that the eyes of their souls might see. It is at the urgent request of many that these messages are made available in book form. It is also significant that the author who is physically blind, should bring from the press a book entitled "That Men May See." Orders should be sent to the Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, 6, Illinois.

Christian Teachers Wanted For Christian College

(Editor's note: This editor along with other editors and denominational leaders has often expressed the hope that our Baptist schools will always be Christian. Dr. J. W. Marshall, president of Wayland College, Plainview, Texas says that after two years as president of that institution, he finds one of his biggest problems to be the difficulty in finding real Christians who are qualified and who are willing to teach in our Christian colleges. Below is printed a list of teachers needed at Wayland. Interested parties should write Dr. Marshall).

Qualifications: Each teacher will be required to have an M. A. degree, (and preferably a Ph. D. degree) and a major in the field where he will teach. If you are qualified and interested, or if you know of someone qualified who might be interested, please write to President J. W. Marshall, Wayland College, Plainview, Texas.

The following are the needs:

1. Biology professor (a well qualified man with a PhD degree might be made head of the science department).
2. Department head — Business administration and Economics.
3. Department head — Home Economics.
4. Foreign Language instructor.
5. Bible and Greek instructor.
6. Professor of Bible and Director of Rural Church program.
7. Government and History instructor.
8. English instructor.
9. Band and Orchestra director.
10. Violin instructor.
11. Music Theory instructor.
12. Department head — Agriculture.
13. Agriculture instructor.
14. Physical education instructor and girls Basketball coach.
15. Student helpers needed: (Part or full scholarship offered in exchange for service.)
 - (1) Students with off-set printing experience.
 - (2) Students with journalism training and ability.
 - (3) Students with art training and ability.
 - (4) Accompanists.
 - (5) Secretarial work.

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American Bible Society Offering, January 23

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WHY SHOULD ONE ACCEPT CHRIST?

By Barbara Slay, Bethlehem Church, Simpson County

There are many reasons why one should accept Christ.

First, His love was great enough for us that He died that we might have eternal life.

Second, a good name is rather to be chosen than great riches and silver and gold (Proverbs 22:1) and if we have Christ in our lives, we are going to strive to live a good life.

Third, in trouble He is our refuge; without Him we are lost.

Fourth, life is uncertain but death is sure. So the best investment anyone can have in This life is to accept Christ, for in "our Father's house are many mansions, if it were not so I would have told you." (John 14:2).

Fifth, what has a man gained, if he gains the whole world and dies without Christ.

Unto all I would say, if you want that blessed assurance, accept Christ in your lives today.

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American Bible Society Offering, January 23

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

January 2, 1948

Oleth (Lamar County)	71	71
Union (Pearl River County)	147	119
Sharon (Jones County)	140	94
Providence (Forrest County)	156	89
East McComb	368	211
Booneville, First	199	92
Brookhaven, First	924	276
New Albany, First	306	106
Including Mission	337	126
Mt. Vernon (Leflore County)	67	65
Hattiesburg, Main Street	700	250
Holly Springs	38	43
Greenville, Second	184	68
Durant, First	157	57
East Columbia	56	56
East Moss Point	167	70
Lucedale	262	95
Popular Springs (Simpson County)	85	
Kreole, First	128	95
Mantee	55	
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	96	104
Centerville	139	49
Gulfport, First	484	113
Cherry Creek (Pontotoc County)	46	28
Houlka (Chickasaw County)	78	31
Laurel, Second Avenue	376	140
Laurel, First	537	144
West Laurel	423	132
Crystal Springs	601	144
Meridian, First	617	
Meridian, Fifteenth Avenue	480	128
Meridian, Highland	438	132
Meridian, Southside	355	171
Meridian, Eighth Avenue	349	102
Meridian, 41st Avenue	304	103
Meridian, Poplar Springs	216	79
Meridian, Oak Grove	155	50
Meridian, Key Field Mission	60	
Meridian, Oakland Heights	98	45
Star (Rankin County)	96	61
Ridgeland (Madison County)	53	34
Byron (Hinds County)	128	99
Jackson, East Side	99	68
Jackson, Elaine	124	126
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	265	119
Jackson, Parkway	628	210
Parkway Chapel	73	36
Jackson, Northside	367	135
Jackson, Calvary	975	255
Calvary Mission	35	21
Jackson, First	935	401
Jackson, Van Winkle	365	233

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Baptists To Investigate Give-Away Radio Programs

NEW YORK —(RNS)— Give-away radio program will be investigated by Northern Baptist Convention agencies, according to a resolution adopted here by the denomination's Radio Committee.

The resolution requested the Radio Committee and the Council on Christian Social Progress to make a joint inquiry into the moral implications of such programs.

Besides lowering the standards of radio, the resolution charged, give-away programs force high quality programs off the air.

In another resolution, the Committee requested the radio industry to give more attention on Sunday nights to good music, creative educational features, "and variety programs which will help develop the basic institutions of American life, including that of religion."

Commercial sponsors were urged to support programs such as "The Greatest Story Ever Told" on Sunday night.

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THAT MEN MAY BELIEVE (\$1) by Walter D. Kallenbach is a series of logical scholarly, understandable sermons that reach the heart and appeal to the reason. The Chapter titles are: Witness of the Incarnation. The Meaning of Salvation, Living Water, Bread of Life, Good Shepherd Comforting Christ, and The Finished Product. Orders should be sent to the Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Illinois.

GOING PLACES

BY A. L. GOODRICH

MADISON

We began the new year by preaching at Madison. They are still pastorless since the recent resignation of Rev. J. B. Parker.

A visitor would never know that the church is pastorless. The work goes on in a fine way.

At the morning service B. L. McMillan, Building Committee Chairman, announced that all the church bonds had been sold and sufficient money was in the bank to complete the new church plan.

Record readers in Madison County are now listed as follows: Camden 15; Canton, First, 292; Canton, Center Terrace, 86; Farmhaven, 23; Flora, 52; Good Hope, 13; Lula, 21; Madison, 27; Ridgeland, 16.

SILAM IS NUMBER 929

Rev. J. Ford Parker believes in the Baptist Record. Another of his churches has joined the growing list that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record. The latest church is Silam in Simpson County. The list of 32 names has been received and from now on Silam Baptists are going to keep up with what Baptists are doing throughout the world.

In addition to the 32 Records going to Silam church, Simpson County now has Record readers listed as follows: Antioch, 14; Beulah 53; Braxton 53; Coats 16; D'Lo 65; Fork 44; Goodwater 14; Harrisville 42; Jupiter 25; Macedonia 53; Magee 148; Mendenhall 102; Mt. Zion 103; Pine Grove 20; Pinola 55; Pleasant Hill 65; Pleasant Valley 42; Poplar Springs 42; Sanatorium 2; Shivers 32; Spring Hill 20; Stonewall 29; Strong River 33; Westersby 1; New Bethlehem 2; Everett 13.

MANY ADDS

In the Baptist Record Mailing Department additional names to a church list are known as "adds."

In addition to several EVERY FAMILY lists, the following adds were received during the month of December and helped the Baptist Record in its effort to reach the 63,000 mark: Belzoni, 22; Columbus, 109; Duncan, 10; Magee, 5; Natchez, 6; Jackson, Parkway, 14; Brookhaven, Pearlhaven, 95; Stonewall, 10; Terry, 5; Walnut Grove, 5; West Laurel, 8; Wyatt, 23; Laurel, Second Avenue, 31.

HARMONY, COPIAH, IS NO. 930

Harmony Church in Copiah County is one of the latest to join the growing list of churches that have adopted the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record. Recently Hance Barron wrote for information and rates about the EVERY FAMILY Plan. He let no grass grow under his feet for in a few days a list of 62 from that progressive church came.

Record readers in Copiah County are now listed as follows: Antioch, 18; Bethel, 69; Carpenter, 22; County Line, 51; Crystal Springs, 388; Damascus, 37; Galilee, 29; Gallman, 23; Gatesville, 6; Georgetown, 66; Harmony, 62; Hazlehurst, 189; Hopewell, 46; Mission Hill, 1; New Providence, 22; New Zion, 56; Pearl Valley, 28; Pin-

INDIAN LEADERS PRAISE WORK OF MISSIONARIES

BOMBAY—(RNS)—Tributes to the work of Christian missionaries were paid by Indian leaders at centenary celebrations of the Malabar Christian College at Calicut.

Among those praising the missionaries were C. Rajagopalachari, governor-general of India, and Sir A. Ramaswami Mudaliar, Dewan of Mysore.

The governor-general predicted that Christians "will continue to flourish" in all parts of India "for the government of new India is no enemy to any religion or any religious institution."

"We are grateful," the governor's message added, "not only for the educational work done by the Christian colleges and schools but also for such religious campaigns as were associated with them."

The Dewan of Mysore hailed Christian missions, especially in South India, for having done "a great deal of useful work."

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Donald Toomey Licensed

On December 26 Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, licensed Donald Toomey to the gospel ministry. Mr. Toomey is a student at Mississippi College. This action was taken following the recommendation of an examining council composed of: Dr. J. E. Barnes, Rev. T. W. Talkington, G. W. Causey, Stanley McPhail, S. C. Ray, and Leo Fillingane.

grams Rest, 24; Pine Bluff, 68; Pleasant Hill, 36; Poplar Springs, 20; Rockport, 3; Sardis, 34; Shady Grove, 51; Smyrna, 29; Spring Hill, 56; Strong Hope, 45; Sylvarena, 45; Wesson, 75.

LEWIS DOES IT AGAIN

An old-time friend of the Baptist Record, Rev. Roy M. Lewis has done it again. Wherever he goes he makes the Baptist Record a part of his program. Having recently gone from Shannon to the pastorate of the Plymouth Church in Columbus, he continued his old ways and has led the church to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

Record readers in Lowndes County are now listed as follows: Artesia 10; Border Springs, 2; Caledonia, 1; Calvary, 59; Columbus, First, 736; Columbus, East End, 83; Mt. Vernon, 43; Mt. Zion, 1; New Salem, 3; Pleasant Hill, 24, and Plymouth, 18.

McADAMS IS NUMBER 931

It took a little time but Rev. T. R. Clark, now a student at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, has led McAdams Church to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record.

From now on Baptists of McAdams are going to keep up with what their fellow Baptists are doing, both at home and abroad. There is no way to do it except through the Baptist Record.

Record readers in Attala County are now listed as follows: McAdams 89; Antioch, 15; Bear Creek, 31; Berea, 35; Bowlin, 19; Carson Ridge, 48; County Line, 46; Edgefield, 1; Ethel, 33; Hurricane, 10; Jerusalem, 1; Kosciusko First, 266; Kosciusko, Second, 28; McCool, 3; New Salem, 2; Pilgrim's Rest, 10; Pleasant Ridge, 17; Sallis, 5; Sand Hill, 1; Springdale, 1; Unity, 40; Williamsville, 54; Yokahoch, 8.

B. L. Mohon Accepts Iuka Pastorate



REV. B. L. MOHON

Rev. B. L. Mohon has accepted the pastorate of the Iuka Church and began his work there on December 1. Since August, 1943, he has served as pastor of Central Church, Florence, Alabama, and prior to that he was pastor of Oak Grove, Meridian.

Mr. Mohon is a native of Copiah County and the Dentville community. He received his training at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College, Mississippi College and the New Orleans Seminary. Mrs. Mohon, nee Lois Wheeler, was reared near Anguilla in Sharkey County and attended Hillman College and the New Orleans Seminary. They have two children: Troy, 9, and Janet, 1.

The people of Iuka welcomed the Mohon family in a reception in the church annex held their first week on the field. On the day of their arrival the Mohons found the pastorial pantry filled with groceries.

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FRENCH PASTORS GET \$40 CHRISTMAS PRESENT

PARIS—(RNS)—Every French Protestant pastor received a Christmas present of \$40 — nearly a month's stipend—thanks to the generosity of American Presbyterian churches. It was disclosed here by Pastor Marc Boegner, president of the Federation of French Protestant Churches.

"We cannot adequately express our very heartfelt gratitude for what the American churches have done for their French counterparts," Pastor Boegner, who is one of the six presidents of the World Council of Churches, declared.

He said the American "windfall" will make "a great contribution" to the happiness of French pastors during the seasonal festivities.

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Suggested Improvements For Liquor Advertising

Four red noses for "four red roses." "For men of distinction" an aristocracy in bondage. "P. M." for post mortem! "Mellow as a sunny morning" and poisonous as a nightshade! Some stuff, all this liquor advertising. No mention is ever made of the 50,000 confirmed alcoholics and the 100,000 near alcoholics who are being crushed between the millstones of torment and oblivion, and who are bringing great joy to all their loved ones—the joy of seeing someone they love going down, not too slowly, to the nearest hell on earth, chronic alcoholism.

Baptist World Alliance Day

February 6, 1949

(Editor's Note: Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn suggests that this better be read by the pastor to every congregation on February 6, Baptist World Alliance Sunday. Dr. Ohrn is secretary of the Alliance).

A Message from the President

To fellow-believers around the globe: Greetings in the name of our common Lord and Saviour!

Forty-four years ago our Alliance was formed at the first Baptist World Congress, in order "more fully to manifest the essential oneness in the Lord Jesus Christ, as their God and Saviour, of the Churches of the Baptist order and faith throughout the world."

Our oneness is not that of an ecclesiastical body, held together by a common creed or a rigid organization or a hierarchical authority. Ours is a unity of the Spirit, a fellowship of hearts that bow only to the absolute and undelimited sovereignty of Christ in all matters pertaining to faith and practice.

When we meet to worship God on Baptist World Alliance Sunday, let us with joyous hearts call our essential oneness in Christ Jesus to mind.

On this day, let us proclaim with new power that Truth which is our dearest possession, and that Lord who alone can make men both free and one. Never has the world so needed the simple gospel of the New Testament, unmixed with human traditions, uncontaminated by the errors of men.

On this day, let us praise God for our worldwide fellowship; for those faithful men and women of our persuasion who in time past have lived and died for the truth committed unto them; for those who to-day lift our banners high in every part of the world; and for the great and growing hosts who in every land, are coming to share our convictions.

On this day, let us pray for the millions in every clime, who belong to our fellowship; for those who know comfort and abundance, that they may take up the cross of voluntary sacrifice; for those who live in hunger and distress, that their needs may be supplied and their faith renewed; for those who in prison and trial are sore tempted, that they may be true to their Lord; for us all that we may lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

On this day, when, in countless places, we gather around the Lord's table, to share in the bread and wine of His remembrance, let us not forget the least of His brethren for whom He died, but consecrate ourselves and our possessions to the service of His love.

On this day, within great areas of our fellowship, an offering will be taken for the relief efforts and the operating expenses of our Alliance. We hope that it may be possible for thousands of churches to take part, and that everywhere prayers may be offered for the work we are carrying on.

And so, my friends of many nations and colors and tongues, but of one great family of God, let us from this day follow our Lord more closely, obey Him more eagerly, love Him more wholeheartedly, and, filled with His Holy Spirit, proclaim Him without cease as the Saviour of the world.

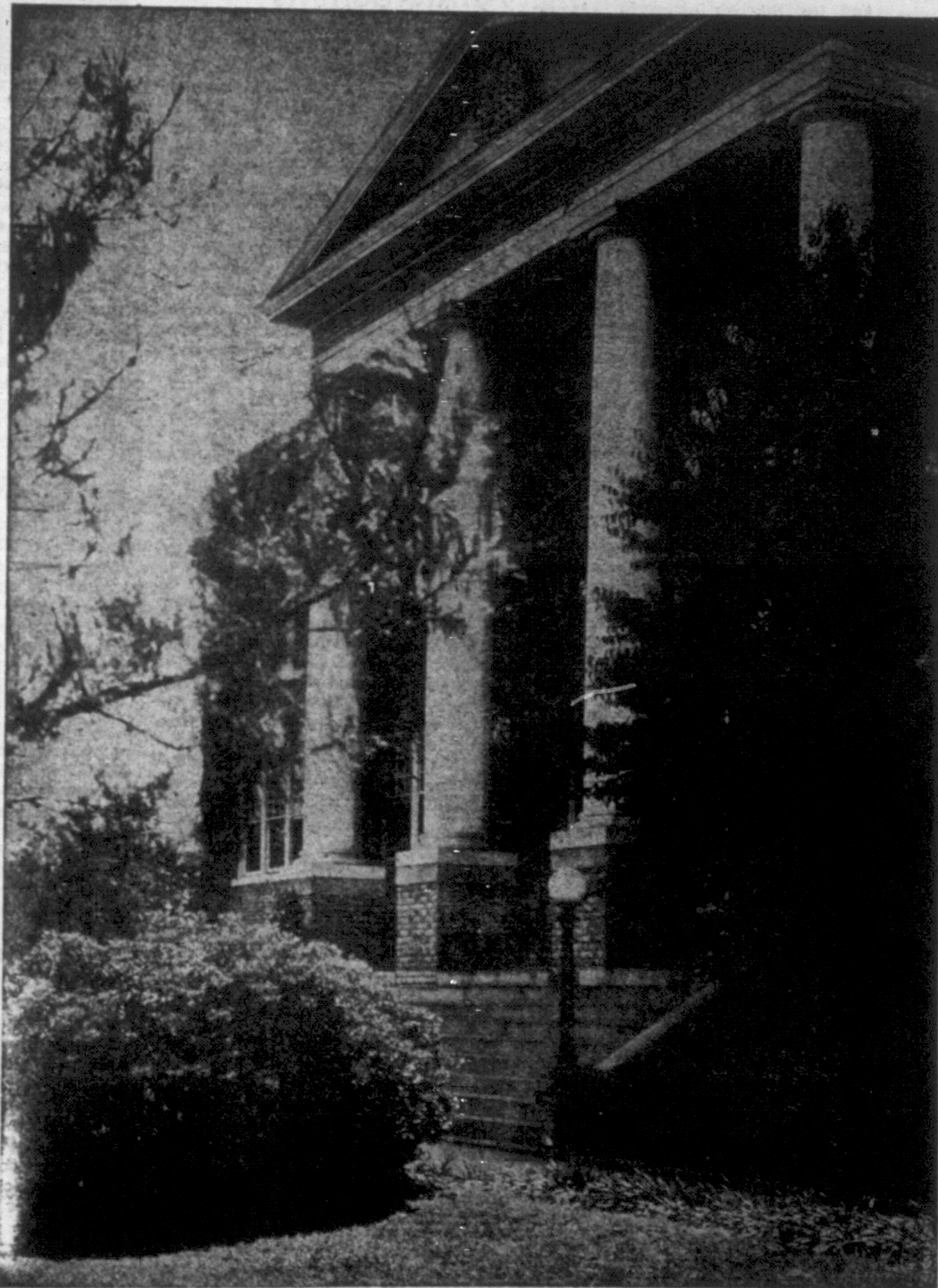
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MISSISSIPPI WOMAN'S COLLEGE
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"1949 IS WOMAN'S COLLEGE TIME!"



A Challenge to Mississippi Baptists!
By Convention vote Mississippi Woman's College has been given the "green light" to complete her minimum Endowment, namely \$225,000.00.

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THIS IS TO CHALLENGE EVERY MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST TO DO HIS BEST.

1948 In Religion

By Winfred E. Garrison
(Professor Emeritus of Church
History)
(University of Chicago)

Editor's note: At the end of this article are some comments by Dr. J. W. Storer pastor of the First Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma. After reading Dr. Garrison's article, the reader will be interested in another viewpoint. Therefore read Dr. Storer's article.

THE WORLD COUNCIL

The formation of the World Council of Churches was the most conspicuous religious event of the year.

Formal organization of the World Council was accomplished at Amsterdam on August 23. A long series of inter-church conferences lay behind this action.

Of the specific projects for union between related or congenial Churches, in the United States and elsewhere some made progress during the year and others were checked. Large majorities in the Congregational Christian Churches and in the Evangelical and Reformed Church approved a merger of these two bodies. If, as is expected, this merger is completed in 1949, the resulting "United Church" will have about 1,800,000 members.

The national conventions of Northern Baptists and Disciples of Christ received the reports of progress made by their joint commission on union, but the immediate unification of their churches and agencies is not being pressed and cannot be regarded as imminent.

The Federal Council of Churches, at the suggestion of the Congregationalists and the Disciples of Christ, has called a conference of all denominations which "recognize one another's ministries and sacraments," and several have accepted. The Methodists appointed a commission to study union with other bodies and specifically authorized it to participate in this conference. The Presbyterian Church, U. S. (Southern), voted to postpone for five years further consideration of union with the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

Federation in Germany

A federation including a great majority of the Protestants in Germany adopted a constitution, at a conference held at Eisenach, July 11-13, and named itself the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKID). It is a close bond of Lutheran, Reformed (Calvinist) and United churches, rather than a merger into one Church, for there is only a limited degree of inter-communion among its constituent parts.

A feature of postwar European Christianity has been the increasing prominence of "Christian" political parties, most of which are Roman Catholic in origin and leadership. The most conspicuously successful of these is the Christian Democratic Party in Italy.

Another important, and perhaps ominous, phenomenon is the closer ties between churches and governments in the Russian-dominated countries, notably in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Rumania. The Soviet view is that independent churches dependent upon voluntary support by their membership represent a "bourgeois ideology."

State Church Firmly Entrenched

The State Church system is still firmly entrenched in most countries

of Europe, and the "voluntarism" which Americans regard as essential to complete religious liberty is there generally regarded as exposing the Church to serious risk of not being supported at all.

Few, if any, European countries would officially admit that they do not have religious liberty; but, aside from unequal treatment of churches in most of them, there are such phenomena as these: Spain has closed most Protestant churches and schools and forbids Protestant evangelism, and the Spanish hierarchy has issued a statement declaring that Protestantism must be restricted to an inconspicuous place in the interest of the nation's religious and cultural unity; the Orthodox Church in Greece has demanded a law which would forbid the conversion of Orthodox to any other faith, and would permit the appointment of clergy and the erection of churches by the non-Orthodox only "by special permission of the State."

Both Roman Catholic and Protestant foreign missionary work, especially from bases in America, has been further revived and extended. Especially notable has been the sending of new missionaries to Japan and the return of many old ones.

Intensification of civil war in China has added to the difficulties of Christian work. India's freedom is still too new to permit a determination of its effect upon religious life and institutions.

The larger American denominations and many of the smaller ones have continued their large contributions toward relief and rehabilitation in Europe and in the Orient.

Separation of Church and State

The practice of "released-time" for religious education in connection with the public schools received wide attention because of an adverse decision by the United States Supreme Court in the McCollum case at Champaign, Illinois. In this case the classes in religion were held in public school buildings, though the teachers were supplied by the churches. The court decided that this practice was unconstitutional, but left undetermined the question as to whether "released-time" might be lawful under other conditions.

A later ruling (October 1948) by the Supreme Court of New York State held that "released-time" as practiced in that state was not banned by the federal decision. Further litigation will doubtless be required to clarify the issue for other states, and further study to adjust the practice to the law.

The question of the support of sectarian schools by public money is a controversial issue at least a century old, but it gained new urgency through pressure for the passage of a federal education bill which would permit the introduction of that practice. This bill died with the 80th Congress, but its re-introduction in the 81st will be watched with interest.

In many church bodies there is a trend toward the abandonment of racial segregation. An example, going farther than most, was an action by the St. Louis (Mo.) Church Federation urging its members churches to disregard color and race as qualifications for membership and service.

Church Membership Highest In History

Statistics, as of July 1948, show the ratio of church membership to population in the U. S. the highest in his-

tory, 53 per cent. Of the 77 million members, 60 per cent (46 million) are Protestant, 33 per cent (25 million) Roman Catholic, 6 per cent (4.6 million) Jewish. The rate of increase over the preceding year was 2.6 per cent for Protestants, 3.5 per cent for Roman Catholics. The highest rate of gain was registered by the medium-sized Protestant churches, having from 200,000 to 1,000,000 members.

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Amsterdamitis

By J. W. Storer, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Now that some 100 days have elapsed, the hurrah and hub-bub of a conference of "leading churchmen" at Amsterdam has died down, and it is more nearly possible to appraise the emptiness of it, on the one hand, and the ill-placed emphasis of it, on the other. The press is partially responsible; because since it was announced to be a world-wide gathering of all faiths (a false announcement) it was assumed that it would be a gathering of worldwide influence.

The "union of all faiths" seemed so desirous, and forgetting that all is not gold which glitters, reams of copy and floods of oratory were released upon a gullible world.

There is an old fable about the mountain which in labor brought forth a mouse, and the most publicized edict issued from the Amsterdam conference was a resolution reading: "The Christian churches should reject the ideologies of both Communism and laissez-faire capitalism and should seek to draw men away from the false assumption that these extremes are the only alternatives."

Originally the resolution did not include "laissez-faire," Bishop Oxnam being a left-handed pitcher, but when Brother Charlie Taft, the president of the conference, saw it next day, he succeeded in qualifying it a share toward the right, by having "laissez-faire" put before the word capitalism.

That phrase, "laissez-faire" was used by Adam Smith, an English economist, in his very illuminating book, "Wealth of Nations," published in England, the same year the Declaration of Independence was signed. What he meant by it, is evidently far from being what the Amsterdammers meant.

That there is anything incompatible between capitalism and Christianity is not subject to proof. As a matter of fact, Adam Smith used the expression to convey a concept the exact opposite of what the Amsterdammers insinuated.

To be plain, the progressive capitalism in the United States has enabled the common man to make more material progress than anywhere else in the world.

The trouble with the Amsterdammers was they had taken too large doses of an ideological opiate labeled "liberalism."

It is a good thing that the impression which was given to the world that the voice of Amsterdammers was the authentic voice of God, is not the truth.

This ought to be said in appreciation of the great majority of Christian ministers and laymen who give themselves to walking in the footsteps of the Master and have no time for manipulating his message in support of communistic comity.

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OWEN SMITH ORDAINED

Owen R. Smith was recently ordained by the Hopewell Church, Scott County, with Pastor J. O. Payne serving as moderator.

The Rev. Harry P. Dayton led in the questioning.

Charges were given by Grady and Aubrey Smith, brothers of the candidate. Rev. Troy Prince, of the Clarke College faculty, preached the

ordination sermon. Rev. Arlice C. Smith, also a brother, presented the Bible and Rev. Burnice Parker led the ordination prayer.

Other members of the Presbytery were: Rev. Lester Dennis, Rev. Melton Scott, and Rev. R. F. Byrd.

Mr. Smith has been called as pastor of Barefoot Spring Church. He is now a student at Clarke College.

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First Church Tylertown Has Record Receipts

Tylertown Baptists are rejoicing over spiritual and financial victories achieved during 1948. The 1948 annual budget of \$31,865 was over paid by \$919 as total receipts for the year were \$32,774.

The above figures represent gifts offering for all causes, and far above anything Tylertown Baptist Church has ever done financially in one year.

The total in reserve for the Building Fund of the church is approximately \$30,000. Anticipated giving in the year ahead will swell this figure to an estimated \$50,000, and the church is looking toward enlarging its facilities as soon as possible.

The building fund offering on December 26 including a few gifts later in the week totalled \$5,064.

The 1949 budget totals \$34,560. Of this amount \$4,280 is for missions and benevolences, \$14,560 for home operations, and \$20,000 for the building fund.

Rev. Ray F. Dykes is the pastor. He succeeded Dr. W. R. Cooper who retired some time ago.

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Leaf River Notes Progress

Progress has been noted by Leaf River Church of Pineville, Smith County, under the leadership of Pastor L. R. Massey.

The new building will soon be completed. Several pieces of furniture have been donated and butane gas has been installed. During the year a W. M. U. was organized.

Following the evening service on December 26, church members honored the pastor and his wife with a party shower.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

When you send pictures for publication in The Baptist Record, please tell us to whom we should send the bill for the cuts, else there will be considerable delay on account of correspondence. There is no charge for printing pictures in The Record, but we do not have an engraving plant and photographs must be sent to an engraver in order to have a cut made from which to print.

If your address is to be changed, be certain to give both the old and new address, otherwise we shall have to write for that information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Prepared by Dr. Bracey Campbell
Lesson for January 9

SOURCES OF OUR KNOWLEDGE

Mk. 2:13, 14; Lk. 1:1-4; John 20:30, 31; 21:25; Acts 1:1; 20:35; 1 Cor. 11:23-25; 15:3-8; Col. 4:14; 1 John 1:1-4.

I. THE IMPORTANCE OF SUBJECT:

There is nothing more important in this world than what people think of Jesus. But how are men to arrive at the correct appraisal of Him? Only by acquiring the correct information concerning Him. How is this information to be come at? Where is it to be found? In one place and one place only—the New Testament. But is the information there obtained, or shall I not rather say, therein contained, valid, reliable, authentic, dependable? There is not a word, nay, there is not a single letter in all the New Testament that has not been subjected to the most rigorous, truceless, determined criticism by those whose one great purpose was to discredit the writings and prove them spurious.

But the cumulative evidence which has piled up through the centuries has but served to fix the position of the book more firmly among the most authentic written records that mankind has left in the sands of the centuries. The examinations of the critics, the excavations of the archaeologists, the contemporary records of the chroniclers of world events unite in bearing testimony to the historical truthfulness and absolute dependability of these writings. In this brief study, we can do no more than glance at the men who wrote the records and at a few words of what each wrote.

II. JOHN MARK.

His gospel is anonymous, the scholarship of the world has agreed that the titles of the gospels were later additions, and the author nowhere obtrudes his personality. But a continuous tradition (1) ascribes to Mark a written record of the sayings and deeds of Christ; (2) identifies this work with our second gospel and its author with the John Mark of the Acts and epistles. He appears in Acts as a Jew of Jerusalem named John, who has adopted as a secondary name the Roman pronomen, Marcus. The first mention of his name connects him with Peter, for it was to the house of Mary the mother of John whose surname was Mark that Peter betook himself on his deliverance from prison.

Though second in order in our New Testament, Mark's gospel was in all likelihood the earliest in date of composition. The continuous and trustworthy tradition is that Mark wrote in Rome for Roman Christians. In this case as in all others, the style declares the man. Mark is graphic, nervous, straightforward. He says a very great deal in a very few words. (Read again Mark 2:13, 14).

III. LEVI MATTHEW THE PUBLICAN.

He was an able man, else he would not have held the high office of tax gatherer at Capernaum. He was a Jew, else he would not have been a publican, just as a scoundrel here in the South after the Civil War was a southerner, a southerner who had deserted his people in their day of distress that he might make profit from their unfortunate plight. So a publican was a Jew who had deserted his people that he might wring money out of them as a gatherer of taxes for the hated Roman government.

IV. LUKE THE GOOD PHYSICIAN.

He is regarded by the overwhelming majority of scholars as a Greek, the only non-Jew who wrote any part of the New Testament. With the exception of

ELTON BARLOW ACCEPTS MT. ZION PASTORATE

The Rev. Elton Barlow has accepted the pastorate of Mt. Zion Church, Lincoln County, and began his work during December. He came to Mt. Zion from Calvary Church, Pricedale. Among other churches which he served as pastor are: Gillsburg, Amite County; Calvary, New Orleans; Glad- ing, Amite County, and churches in Franklin and Leake Counties.

During his pastorate at Pricedale, Calvary had its first Vacation Bible School, paid the church debt one year in advance, bought 100 hymnals, organized a Youth Choir, and allotted 10 per cent of the new budget for the Cooperative Program.

Mr. Barlow is a graduate of Clarke College, has a B. A. from Mississippi College, and his Th. M. from the New Orleans Seminary. Mrs. Barlow—nee Louis Drummond—attended Mississippi Southern College and New Orleans Seminary and is a faithful and consecrated assistant to the pastor. They have two children: Paul, 8, and Rachel, 22 months.

Mr. Barlow succeeds the Rev. James Allgood who was pastor at Mt. Zion for 12 years. A new and spacious brick church building has recently been dedicated and the pastorium has been redecorated.

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L. P. Petty Goes To Glendale

The Rev. L. P. Petty has accepted the pastorate of Glendale church, near Hattiesburg in Forest County.

Mr. Petty has been serving as pastor at Bude and at Hopewell and has been working with the Mississippi Central Lumber Company Mission.

Paul, Luke was the most highly educated writer of the New Testament scriptures. Luke enjoyed a marvelous command of the Greek language, a keenly disciplined mind in the field of historical investigation. His has been called variously the gospel of the poor, the gospel of humanity, the gospel of womanhood. His was the method of the careful historian, to get all the data possible, to compare his materials and write his book only after he had exhausted every effort possible to come at the truth. (Read again the passages from Luke's gospel and the Acts).

V. JOHN THE BELOVED.

No nice Miss Johnnie was he, no molly-coddle, no lounge lizard, no weakling, no spineless dreamer of vapid dreams, here was a man of character as ardent as that of great old John the Baptist, willing to set his foot as far as who goes farthest, a son of thunder, Sir Thunder-Clap, that was this John. Now read John 20:30, 31, to see why John wrote his gospel: "That ye may believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God; and that believing ye may have life in His name."

VI. PAUL.

The biggest name, next to that of the Lord, in all the New Testament. Now read 1 Cor. 15:1-8. This epistle was written before the gospels were, probably in A. D. 54 or 55, only some 25 years after the resurrection of Christ, when many who were witnesses of the resurrection were still living. This passage is the most valued of all the accounts of the resurrection. "For I delivered unto you first of all," as of first importance. "That which also I received." I think he received it from the same source he received his doctrine of the Lord's Supper, (1 Cor. 11:23), "I received from the Lord that which I also delivered unto you."

DR. L. E. GREEN ACCEPTS PASTORATE AT PRENTISS Resigns Pascagoula Church



DR. L. E. GREEN

Dr. Leroy E. Green, for several years pastor of the First church, Pascagoula, has resigned effective Jan. 15 and accepted the pastorate of the First church, Prentiss. This is a case of returning to the first love for Dr. Green was pastor of the church at Prentiss several years ago. He went from Prentiss to the Poplarville pastorate and from there to Pascagoula.

During Dr. Green's pastorate at Pascagoula, the church has made remarkable progress, the church plant was completed, as was the pastorium and a modern home erected for use of the music and education director.

The Prentiss pastor is one of the most attractive in South Mississippi. In addition to a modern church building, an eight room pastors home has recently been completed.

Dr. Green succeeds Dr. W. L. Sewell who resigned last summer to accept the pastorate of the First church at Bossier City, Louisiana.

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73 RECEIVE BTU AWARDS AT CARSON CHURCH

Carson Training Union recently held a study course in which Pastor W. H. Wood taught the Adults; Miss Ramona McLemore, the Young People; W. H. Wooley, the Intermediates; Mrs. W. H. Wooley, the Juniors.

Following the Friday night period, a fellowship hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served.

Awards were presented by Miss Mary Izard, Training Union Director, to the 73 who completed the course.

At an Executive Committee meeting in December, plans were made to enlarge the Training Union in 1949 and to emphasize Bible Reading and Prayer service throughout the year.

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FREE SEED OFFERED TO GA. CHURCHES

ATLANTA, Ga.—(RNS)—One thousand pounds of Kentucky fescue seed has been offered to Georgia rural churches to beautify their grounds—the seed to be given free of charge to any church, regardless of race or denomination.

That announcement was made here by Fred B. Wilson, president of the Georgia Kentucky 31 Fescue Association, who said, "We hope Negro churches as well as white will take advantage of our offer."

It is estimated three pounds of fescue seed is enough for one acre of land, and that 1,000 pounds of the seed will enable more than 300 churches to beautify their grounds.

40 & 25 Years Ago

By J. L. BOYD, SR.
40 YEARS AGO

An item from the Seminary at Louisville, Ky., lists twenty-one students from Mississippi, among whom are T. J. Barksdale, T. D. Brown, N. A. Edmonds, T. W. Green, H. M. Harris, E. G. Hightower, B. L. McKee, R. L. Wallace and H. H. Webb, all now living.

Rev. Carl M. O'Neal of Pelahatchie asks that all the Baptist churches within twenty miles of the railroad from Meridian to Jackson cooperate in filling a freight car to capacity for the Orphanage.

The W. M. S. of the Mt. Pisgah church, Pocahontas, made a Christmas present of \$20.00 to their pastor "to buy a suit."

25 YEARS AGO

Joe Cannoneri, singing evangelist at Southwestern Seminary, writes that he will be "open for engagements" during the spring and summer.

Rev. B. S. Hilburn of the Baptist Bible Institute was recently called to the pastorate of the Emmanuel Church, New Orleans.

During a recent revival meeting in the Clinton church 115 were added—50 for Baptism and 65 by letter; six volunteers for the ministry, and "a great number" of young people dedicated their lives for Christian service.

The Progress church at McLain and New Salem church near Neely were recently added to the list of those sending The Baptist Record to every member. Rev. A. R. Loftin is pastor of the former and Rev. O. U. Sullivan of the latter.

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

January 10—Mrs. Taylor Howard, Yalobusha Association BTU Director; Dr. Dorothy McCoy, BSU Faculty Advisor, Belhaven College.

January 11—Mrs. Webb Brame, Yazoo City, State WMU Vice-President; R. E. Phillips, Lawrence County, Convention Board member.

January 12—A. P. Smith, Jr., Mississippi College trustee; Mrs. W. A. Stockton, Amory, State WMU Community Missions Chairman.

January 13—Mrs. I. C. Knox, Vicksburg, Baptist Orphanage trustee; E. C. Swor, District 3 BTU President.

January 14—Ben Stevens, Hattiesburg, Woman's College trustee; Mrs. W. A. Bell, Hattiesburg, State WMU Mission Study Chairman.

January 15—W. L. McMullan, Newton, Ministerial Education Board; Walter Bisbee, State R. A. Secretary.

January 16—Will Jacobs, Jackson, Baptist Hospital trustee; Rev. E. L. Douglas, Mississippi College faculty.

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Now I've Heard Everything!

By Dr. Hugh Brimm, Executive Secretary Social Service Commission of the Southern Baptist Conference

Here is the latest in "humble service to mankind." A "Good Samaritan Club" has been organized for officials of the liquor traffic. You have to be an official with a "good heart" in order to qualify, says the announcement in SPIRITS, the trade journal of the beverage alcohol industry.

Thomas W. Balfe chairman of the fund drive, has urged the executives of the liquor business to give generously. Could it be that there is some small tinge of conscience from the fact probably many of the applicants for aid are victims of the traffic in human misery that these "good samaritans" represent?

Sorry, brother pastor, brother deacon, you can't be a member of this "good samaritan" club. . . you aren't an executive of the liquor trade with a "good heart."

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION

Amber J. Wilda, State Secretary — Box 530, Jackson 195, Mississippi
Associates: W. C. Morgan, Louise Hill, Alene Johnson



W. C. MORGAN

MEET THE TRAINING UNION STAFF

Mr. W. C. Morgan, associate in the Training Union Department, has his residence in Jackson, Mississippi. Mr. Morgan has given his time largely to the promotion of associational and adult union work. At the December meeting of the State Convention Board, the Training Union Department was charged with the task of promoting the state music program and Mr. Morgan will give some time to this phase of our work. Music, a definite part of our church life, needs trained and efficient performers and our department plans to emphasize this phase of training also. We are announcing here the plans for ensembles and hymn playing. Please read carefully and begin now to have a part in these music festivals.

MUSIC EMPHASIS

Ensembles

A series of music festivals will be held for the church ensembles. First: The Training Union association will hold the associational music festival in the late spring prior to the Training Union District Conventions. This festival will be held at the same time the training union association holds the elimination contests for the other departments of training union. Second: A District Music Festival will be held during the District Training Union Convention in June as a part of the convention. Third: A State Music Festival will be held during the State Training Union Convention in December.

Each church will be eligible to enter only one ensemble in the festivals. It may be a boys, girls, mixed, small or large ensemble. All ensembles must have six or more members. Ensembles may sing without a director, but if a director is used, only regular church song leaders will be recognized. All ensembles participating in the associational music festival will be eligible to participate in the district conventions in June. (Note: If the regular associational elimination contest and music festival is not held, any church ensemble in such association will be eligible to enter the district festival.) All ensembles participating in the district conventions in June will be eligible to participate in the State Music Festival during the State Training Union Convention in December.

Ratings: A festival is not to be confused with a contest, for there will be no competing of one ensemble against another, but each ensemble will be seeking to sing to the best of its ability. Therefore, ratings of superior, excellent, good, fair, will be used in rating each ensemble. (Note: Ensembles will be divided into two groups as to size. The small ensembles will not be less than six, and not more than twelve in number. Large ensembles will be thirteen or more in number. However, this grouping is only to aid in rating the ensembles, and is to be disregarded otherwise.)

A selection from the following books must be used in order to participate in the music festivals: "Sacred Trios for Women" by Lillenas; "Sacred Trios for Sopranos and Altos" by Rodeheaver; "Ladies Quartets" by Coleman; "Songs for men" by Coleman; "The Broadman Hymnal"; "Voice of Praise, Hymnal." All these books are available from our Baptist Book Store, Jackson, Mississippi. No ensemble will be allowed to use more than three stanzas of its selection.

Hymn Playing

Hymn playing festivals will be held in connection with the ensemble festivals. There will be two groups of participants namely, Juniors 9-12, and Intermediates 13-16. Each church will be eligible to enter one Junior and one Intermediate for this festival. All regulations regarding ratings for the ensembles will apply to the hymn

playing festivals. (See above). Selections for the hymn playing festivals must be selected from the following hymnals; "Broadman Hymnal," "Voice of Praise," "Songs of Faith," or "Baptist Hymnal." Each hymn player will not be allowed to play more than three stanzas of the hymn selected.

MASS FESTIVAL CHORUS

All ensembles participating in the district conventions will sing in a mass chorus at the evening session of the convention. The following songs will be used; "Take The Names of Jesus With You," "Breathe on Me," "God be With You Till We Meet Again." Each ensemble will please rehearse in advance.

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CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. Leon V. Young

W. T. Hewitt, Soldier Bay Church, N. C., from mission work in Florida.

E. McNeil Potat, Pullen Memorial, Raleigh, N. C.

Ben R. Colly, Gainesville, N. C.

L. A. Honeycutt, Hartsville, S. C., from Rowan Hills, N. C.

D. H. Lowder, Massey Hill Church, Fayetteville, N. C., from Maysville.

Cecil M. Perry, Ridgecrest, N. C.

Tom M. Walters, Parkton, N. C., from Ridgecrest.

Edwin F. Perry, Broadway, Louisville, Ky., from Rockingham, N. C.

W. G. Whitlock, Calvary, Gastonia, N. C., from Liberty Church, Chandler.

Lonnie Sasser, Mt. Carmel, N. C., from Murfreesboro, N. C.

H. A. Hardwick, Bay View Church, Norfolk, Va.

E. H. Puryear, Lee Street, Danville, Va.

L. Leroy Steele, First, Opelika, Ala., from Inman Park, Atlanta, Ga.

E. M. Vaughan, Becks Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., from Tabernacle Church, Roanoke, Va.

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LIQUOR DEVOURS 4,344,646 TONS OF FOOD STUFFS, 1948 FISCAL YEAR

Chicago.—With millions of starving, war-shattered persons appealing vainly for bread, the makers of alcoholic beverages consumed 3,344,646 tons of grains and fruits and 199,814,590 gallons of fruit juices and extracts additional in the making of their narcotizing intoxicants in the United States alone during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, declared a statement made public by the American Business Men's Research Foundation today.

Despite their protestations, brewers and distillers last year used 70,942,756 pounds, — or 1,182,379 bushels, — of wheat in the making of whiskey and beer, enough to have provided 1,000,000 starving persons with a nutritious loaf of bread for 38 successive days. This however was only a small part of the wholesome food stuff diverted into liquor vats, just totaled by the Foundation from the exhaustive annual reports of the Federal Bureau of Internal Revenue.

During the same time the official figures show the whiskey and beer makers were consuming 2,200,573,119 pounds, — or 392,959,485 bushels — of corn.

An experienced cook estimates that from this 39,000,000 bushels something like 220,000,000 flapjacks might have been made, enough to afford 25,000,000 finished people a heaped-up

plate for 1760 breakfasts (approximately 4 3-4 years).

But these items were still only a part of the materials that disappeared in the distilleries and breweries last year. No less than 3,104,549,166 pounds, — or 64,678,107.6 bushels, — of barley and barley malt products; 302,281,030 pounds of rice; 368,824,066 pounds of rye; 366,117,385 pounds of sorghum and other grains, were also used.

Besides this, no less than 193,275,206 pounds of sugar and syrups and an additional 2,554,650 gallons of molasses went into brewer's and distiller's raw material stock piles respectively.

As for the wine makers and the brandy distillers, they diverted from wholesome fruit channels no less than 1,969,966,181 pounds, — or 984,983 tons, — of fruits, including grapes, apples, peaches, prunes, pears, apricots, plums, oranges, grapefruits, cherries, strawberries, blackberries, loganberries, and currants. Also consumed were 199,814,590 gallons of fruit juices and concentrates.

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Someone has said that the process of evangelism is not completed until the evangelized becomes an evangelist. Our experience has been such that we believe that the Sunday school develops more soul-winners than any other single organization, and we have never known an ardent soul-winner who was not fully loyal to his church. . . H. H. Hobbs in *The Sunday School Builder*.

BROOKHAVEN BIBLE CONFERENCE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, JAN. 10-14

W. LANDON MILLER, Pastor

SPEAKERS and LECTURERS:

Dr. J. D. Grey, Pastor, First Baptist Church, New Orleans — Inspirational Speaker

Dr. Leo Green, formerly Prof. of Old Testament, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, now pastor of First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla. — Old Testament Studies

Dr. Russell Bradley Jones, author of recent book, "Things Which Shall Be Hereafter," pastor of Central Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn. — New Testament Studies

SCHEDULE

Hour	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.
10:00	No Day Service Monday Brotherhood Supper at 6 P. M. Monday Speaker: Dr. Leo Green	Dr. Jones	Dr. Green	Dr. Jones	Dr. Jones
11:00		Dr. Grey	Dr. Grey	Dr. Grey	Dr. Grey
2:00		Dr. Green	Dr. Green	Dr. Green	Dr. Green
3:00		Dr. Jones	Dr. Jones	Dr. Jones	Dr. Jones
4:00		Forum	Forum	Forum	Forum
7:00	Dr. Jones	Dr. Green	Dr. Jones	Dr. Green	Dr. Green
8:00	Dr. Green	Dr. Grey	Dr. Grey	Dr. Grey	Dr. Grey

OPEN FORUMS ON:

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- Inspiration	- Relaxation	- New Ideas	- New Methods
- Fellowship	- Information	- New Vision	- New Enthusiasm

REFRESHER COURSES

COMBAT STALENESS

Free overnight sleeping accommodations are still available for pastors. Write to First Baptist Church, Brookhaven, Mississippi.

Sparks & Splinters

Many Mississippians will enjoy reading the article by Mrs. D. A. (Margie) McCall which appears in the January issue of the Moody Monthly and which is entitled "Dan Molder, County Preacher." The article carries with it several pictures of this well-known Mississippi preacher.

ROOT OUT OF DRY GROUND (\$3.) by Argye M. Briggs, is a vigorous, practical, and well-written Christian fiction with a Southwest setting among the common people of the hills. This story of deep, elemental human emotions brings a genuine message without preaching or moralizing. It is a book to relax with and is certain to prove helpful and uplifting. Orders should be sent to William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 255 Jefferson Avenue, S. E., Grand Rapids 3, Michigan.

Historic Cherry Creek church, Pontotoc county has gone from quarter to half-time preaching under the leadership of their pastor, Dr. W. C. Tyler who is a member of the faculty at Blue Mountain college. They have also let the contract for the building of a new church building.

MARIAN'S FAVORITE BIBLE STORIES (\$1.50) by Marian M. Schooland, contains sixty-three stories from both the Old and New Testaments, carefully selected for maximum child interest. Designed for children of three to eight years, the stories are short, simple, direct—but always true to the Bible narratives. The large, clear readable bold-face type is well suited as a first reader to teach young children to read for themselves. The 12 full-color paintings are new and exciting. Orders should be sent to Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 255 Jefferson Avenue, S. E., Grand Rapids 3, Mich.

Accepting a unanimous call from the Board of Directors of the Florida State Convention to become State Sunday School Secretary, Rev. C. F. Barry resigned his position as State Sunday School Secretary of Illinois to become effective February 1.

Rev. H. H. Ward, formerly association missionary in Union county and who recently accepted the pastorate at Ecu has also been called as pastor of Toxish church, Pontotoc county. Mr. Ward will serve the Toxish church in connection with the Ecu work. The Toxish church recently completed an addition to their church building.

THE PARSON TAKES A WIFE (\$2.75) is a gay personal narrative of the author's Maria Williams Sheering, own experiences as a minister's wife. It tells of her marriage, her wedding gifts, their various pastorates, their changing neighbors, of the big and little things that filled her adventurous life. This is a real record, and it has the interest that always attaches to frank accounts of actual happenings. Orders should be sent to the publisher, The MacMillan Company, New York.

Rev. Albert R. Favre, pastor at Cruger has accepted the pastorate at West for quarter-time. He has also accepted Sallis where he will live and serve half-time.

THIS ATOMIC AGE AND THE WORD OF GOD (\$3.) by Wilbur M. Smith and published by W. A. Wilde Company of Boston, is an attempt to evaluate the deeper implications of the releases and military use of atomic energy and the various consequences to our generation from the standpoint of Evangelical Christianity. The relation of atomic control to the publisher or to the Baptist Book Store.

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Feed HUNGRY Souls! !
American Bible Society
Offering, January 23

Mrs. W. R. White, wife of the president of Baylor University in Waco, Texas, recently passed away at her home in Waco. Funeral services were held in Houston. Mrs. White had been ill for some time and had never been able to take her place at Waco at the side of her husband who became president at Waco nine months ago.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF LAW AND FREEDOM (\$2.75) by M. H. Schuster and published by the Christopher Publishing House, Boston, Mass., is a serious attempt to analyze the concept of freedom, so essential to the democratic way of life, and to show how many genuine freedom can be achieved only through conformity to the principles of moral law. The author shows the implications of the ten commandments to the major problems of our day. Those who are interested in the problem of freedom and its relation to divine law will find Dr. Schuster's book not only informative, but an excellent stimulus to their own thinking along these lines. Orders should be sent to the publisher.

Rev. W. S. Allen of Pass Christian and clerk of the Gulf Association has sent the Baptist Record a copy of the 1948 minutes. Pastor Allen did a good job in preparing the copy and the printers have done an equally good job in producing them. They are among the most attractive that we have received. Evidently he deals with a speedy printer, for many associations do not get their minutes until spring.

THE HIGHER SIGNIFICANCE OF THE GOSPEL (\$1.50) by Walter D. Kallenbach is a story of the redeeming grace that proves the power of the Gospel. Answering completely the question "What is the Gospel?", the book is considered by leading scholars as one of the greatest theological contributions of the past century. Orders should be sent to the Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Illinois.

Southern Baptists Sunday school secretaries met in Nashville last week to discuss plans for Sunday school projection. Goals for 6,000,000 in Sunday school by 1952 were adopted. It was reported that Sunday school enrollment had gained nearly 300,000 during the past year to reach a total of nearly 4,300,000. Training Union state secretaries also outlined goals and reported gains of nearly 150,000 in Training Union to make the total now enrolled above the 1,000,000 mark. The state music secretaries also met to outline plans for promotion of church music.

LAW AND COMMANDMENT (\$3.35) by Walter D. Kallenbach is an original and unusual novel, presenting the commandments of Jesus and the Ten Commandments. Author Kallenbach says the Ten Commandments come under law and are not the commandments referred to when Jesus said "If ye love me, keep My commandments." Order this interesting novel from the Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Illinois.

Among recent visitors in the office of the Baptist Record were: Rev. Percy F. Herring, Hernando; Dr. I. E. Rouse, Woman's College; Rev. A. W. Tolbert, Jackson; W. H. Morgan, Carlsville, S. C.; Rev. G. W. Smith, Pelahatchie; Rev. and Mrs. Allen Webb, Haskell, Texas; Dr. W. R. Cooper, Jackson.

Allow me to commend to the brethren, Mr. J. C. Anderson of Overt, who was recently licensed to preach by the church there. A high type gentleman, a graduate of Clarke College and Mississippi Southern, with a number of years experience as teacher and principal of schools in this section, he is well equipped for a great work in the ministry. Mrs. Anderson, too, is well fitted to be a pastor's wife. Pastorless churches and pastors needing a supply will do well to communicate with Brother Anderson at the above address.—H. J. RUSHING, Pastor, West Laurel Church.

A CHILD'S GARDEN OF PRAYER (\$2), by H. W. Cockel and E. J. Saleska and published by the Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Missouri, contains 14 full-page pictures in colors, in addition to other pictures. The events of the day—playtime and mealtime—the events of the year—Christmas and birthdays—are remembered with appropriate prayers. Special verses in time of illness, prayers at church, at school, at Sunday school, are included. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store or to the publisher.

Dr. Minyard M. Barnett, Superintendent of Evangelism of Missouri Baptists, writes that Kansas City has recently experienced the greatest revival in its history. Dr. C. E. Matthews, Superintendent of Evangelism of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Rev. Harry McKnight, City Missionary of Kansas City, led 22 Northern Baptist churches, 29 Negro Baptist churches, and 40 Southern Baptist churches in a wonderful campaign. Both Kansas City, Kansas, and Kansas City, Missouri, were in the campaign. In these 91 churches there were 2014 additions (1297 by baptism), 205 other conversions, and 891 rededications.

MY FAMILY AND I (\$3.35), by Bethann P. Van Ness and published by the Broadman Press, will intrigue each Junior boy or girl by showing him the importance of his position in his family, in his neighborhood, and in the world. It causes each one to take stock of himself and wholeheartedly promotes good citizenship. This book is recommended for credit on Course VI in the Junior Union Study Course. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store.

RICHMOND, Va.—(RNS)—A sum of \$10,000 was appropriated by the relief committee of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here for church reconstruction in hurricane-battered Jamaica. Officials of the Jamaican Baptist Convention told the board that the hurricane destroyed 60 of the 220 Baptist churches on the West Indian island. Forty of these have been restored thus far, they said.

Rev. Joseph H. Crawford is a good friend of the Baptist Record. Evidence of this is the fact that he recently sent a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions for the Baptist Record from Concord Church, Tiptah County.

MORE FOOD FOR THE BODY FOR THE SOUL (\$1.50), published by the Moody Press, 153 Institute Place, Chicago, is just what the title implies. Odd numbered pages contain mouth-watering menus and even numbered pages are filled with food for the soul. Any Christian housewife will enjoy the book and others will profit by having it. Order from the publisher or from the Baptist Book Store.



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Shown above is the attractive sign of White Sand Church in Jeff Davis County. Passersby cannot fail to know where the church is and such a sign is a standing invitation to people who pass by to attend that church.

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Judge Joe L. Price, father of Dr. G. Norman Price, pastor of the Parkway Baptist church, Jackson, died at his home in Paducah, Ky., early Saturday morning. Dr. Price had recently returned from a visit with his father, and returned to Paducah upon learning of his death.

STUDIES IN JOHN'S GOSPEL (cloth, 75c; paper, 50c) by John L. Hill and published by the Broadman Press, will be used as a text in the Southwide Bible Study Week to be held in every church during the week of January 3-7, 1949. The book emphasizes the fourth Gospel somewhat in detail. Dr. A. T. Robertson says that this "Gospel is supreme in its height and depth and reach of thought." Order your copy from the Baptist Book Store.

THAT MEN MAY LIVE (\$1) by Walter D. Kallenbach and published by the Baker Book House, is unusual in that Christ is presented an interesting and forceful manner to Christians and non-Christians alike. "That Men May Live" is refreshingly different because it is written so that the most unfamiliar with the Word may understand. This new approach presents the seven phases of the crucifixion. Orders should be sent to the publishers, at Grand Rapids 6, Illinois.

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Religious Education Association To Meet Hattiesburg Feb. 3-4

The third annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association will be held on the campus of Mississippi Woman's College, Hattiesburg, February 3 and 4, 1949. It is the purpose of the Association to provide a medium of fellowship and an opportunity for the discussion of common interests and problems on the part of those engaged in various fields of religious education. In addition, the Association seeks to promote a program of sound religious education throughout the state in cooperation with the several educational departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Those eligible for membership in the Association are ones engaged in full-time work in some phase of religious education in Mississippi. The group would include Assistant and Associate Pastors, Educational Directors, Church Secretaries, Educational Secretaries, Financial Secretaries, Music and Recreational Directors, Student Secretaries, Church Librarians, Teachers of Bible and Religious Education in public schools and colleges, and Field Workers. Others who may be in part-time religious education work or may be religious education students are invited to attend the meetings of the Association, but are not eligible for membership.

The 1949 conference will begin at 1:30 Thursday afternoon, February 3, and will close at noon Friday the 4th. Preceding and extending into the conference will be the annual seminar for Student Secretaries directed by Charles Horner, State BSU Secretary. Meals will be available in the college dining hall at a nominal cost. Lodging for the ladies will be provided at the college for a small charge, and reservations for the men will be made at Hotel Forest. Every one planning to attend the conference, is asked to notify the Secretary-Treasurer at least by January 15th so that the college can know how many to plan for. The registration fee will be \$2.00. This fee will provide funds for the various expenses incurred by the conference.

Highlighting the program will be three addresses by J. Earl Mead who is recognized as the "Dean" among the Educational Directors of the South. For twenty years Mr. Mead has served as the Educational Director of the Cliff Temple Church of Dallas.

This year's officers of the Association are: President, Bill Watson, Educational Director, First Church, Louisville; Vice-President, Riley Munday, Student Secretary, Mississippi Southern College, Hattiesburg; and Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Margaret Ray, Church Secretary, Main Street Church, Hattiesburg.

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Carillon Bells Presented First Church, Prentiss

Carillon bells have been recently installed in the First Church, Prentiss. The bells are a gift of the S. S. Dale Family and are in memory of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Dale, Sr.

The chiming of the bells is a beautiful call to worship and will be enjoyed by those far and near. It is a strangely different and appealing music—this music of the belfry—and will remain a beautiful memorial down through the years.

Talbert Accepts Full-Time With Macedonia Church RESIGNS WORK AT TANGIPOHOA



REV. A. W. TALBERT

Rev. A. W. Talbert has accepted the full-time pastorate of Macedonia Church, Lincoln County, one of the largest rural churches in the south. He has served Macedonia half-time for the past four years. Macedonia now has about 800 members. During the past year 43 were added on profession of faith.

During this time a two-story annex was built with a kitchen and a dining room. Butane Gas and electric lights have been installed. A Training Union has been organized, as well as a W. M. S. and a Brotherhood, and the Sunday School has been reorganized. A Vacation Bible School has been held each year and a midweek prayer service meets weekly. The church has the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the Baptist Record, is in the Ministers Retirement and gives 20 per cent to the Cooperative Program.

Macedonia Church is making plans for building a pastorium.

For the past 11 years Mr. Talbert has also pastored the Tangipohoa church, first serving 1-4 time and then 1-2 time. During this time there were 326 additions. The church now has about 400 members. Two annexes were built, the church was re-roofed and was painted twice. Butane gas and attic fans have been installed. On two occasions deacons were ordained, and one preacher was ordained. One young lady who is now in college has volunteered for missionary service and another of the young people has recently surrendered for special service.

Tangipohoa also has a completely graded Sunday School and Training Union, as well as a W. M. S. and a Brotherhood. Midweek prayer services are held regularly and Vacation Bible Schools are held annually. The church has the EVERY FAMILY Plan and the Baptist Record, and is in the Ministers Retirement plan. Twenty per cent is given to the Cooperative Program and a fund has been set aside for building a pastorium. The budget is operated on a sound financial plan.

Both Tangipohoa and Macedonia, upon recommendation of the pastor, have voted to support full-time work.

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THAT MEN MAY KNOW (\$1) by Walter D. Kallenbach, is the first book of the series. There is much excellent material in this sermon collection, dealing with subjects one should expect to find prominently emphasized in evangelism—sin, the sinner's need, the all-sufficiency of Christ, and faith in Christ alone for salvation. Orders should be sent to the Baker House, Grand Rapids 6, Illinois.

East Church Honors Pastor

The East Baptist Church, of Greenville presented their pastor, Rev. Homer W. Roberson, with a check for \$200 as a Christmas present.

John D. Davis presented the check in behalf of the church and paid the pastor high tribute for the work he has done since coming to Greenville. Mr. Davis stated that the membership has been increased by 91 members, the Sunday school and B. T. U. has more than doubled in attendance, and the church finances has reached an all time record with offerings exceeding the budget every week.

Mr. Davis stated that when Mr. Roberson came as pastor of the church five months ago he was told that the church should have 100 additions the first year. The church has had 91 additions the first five months.

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DAMASCUS CHURCH NOTES GROWTH

Damascus Church, Hazlehurst, began a full-time program on December 1. The membership has doubled during the last year and Sunday School attendance, which was about 20, is now more than 100. A Training Union and WMU have been organized, and a mid-week prayer service has begun.

Plans are being discussed for a building program, since the present building is now insufficient.

Pastor Sammie Crawford is now living on the field and is doing a wonderful work with the church people.

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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dr. W. A. Roper has faithfully served the Kewanee Baptist Church for a period of five years, and

WHEREAS he has loyally led the congregation in all phases of the denominational work, and

WHEREAS he has zealously and wholeheartedly preached the Bible, and

WHEREAS he has cared for and strengthened the spiritual life of the church as only a good under-shepherd of Christ will, and

WHEREAS he has seen fit to offer his resignation because of his physical condition, Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Kewanee Baptist Church, express to Dr. Roper our sincere gratitude and heartfelt appreciation for the good work done in our midst, and

That we tender our deep regrets upon his departure, and

That we assure Dr. Roper and his family of our continued love and prayers, and

That a copy of these resolutions be given Dr. Roper, a copy be placed on the minutes of the church, and a copy be sent to The Baptist Record.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE,

MRS. MORRIS COLLIER,

MRS. E. D. BROWER,

J. B. GILL.

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HOLLANDALE FIRST PLANS ENLISTMENT PROGRAM

The First church at Hollandale has planned an ambitious program for the first ten weeks of 1949. Emphasis will be put on membership enlistment.

Pastor William P. Davis plans to call in every home by March 31. The WMU, Sunday School and Training Union will make a prayerful study of the church roll for prospects and one Sunday in each month will be utilized for visitation.

The pastor will preach a series of sermons entitled: SOME GALILEAN PAINTINGS OF CARING, SHARING, DARING.

The church has set a goal of 300 titheers.

BEER, WINE OUSTED IN STONE COUNTY ELECTION

Stone County recently voted almost two to one against beer and wine being sold in the County. The county is blessed with a good sheriff and deputy who will carry into effect this action of the people.

Dr. W. L. Holcomb, State Temperance Secretary, was a great asset in the campaign. Rev. R. P. Butler, pastor of First Church, Wiggins, commends him to others engaged in beer elections.

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BIBLES FOR THE WORLD

By C. E. Bryant

The American Bible Society, the largest and strongest of the Bible publication agencies, held the annual meeting of its Advisory Council in New York in early December. Dr. Luther J. Holcomb, pastor of Dallas' Lakewood Church, and I were invited to represent Southern Baptists at the sessions.

We discovered that the magnificent eight-story Bible House at 450 Park Avenue in New York City is but the hub of a wheel which encircles the globe. We discovered that the Society's work includes translation of the scriptures into hundreds of languages and dialects, some of which have never before been reduced to a written form. It includes typesetting and plate making for the scriptures in these tongues, and thousands of hours of press work and binding. It includes a knowledge of international law and international commerce to gain permission for entrance of the scriptures into lands where the Word has never been before. It includes scores of offices and print shops in many lands and thousands of colporteurs who trek mile upon mile in all the nations to sell and otherwise distribute to little people in out-of-the-way places. Amid all this detail, one is most impressed by the sincere devotion of the men who make up the Society's home office personnel.

Millions of the scriptures are given away, but the distribution is done with great care that none will be wasted. And in other thousands of cases, the Bibles are sold so that the owner will have the pride of earned possession—but the sales price in lands of low wage standards is never more than a bare fraction of the cost of production.

The Bible Society is stepping up its pace the next few years to meet the demands of the Program of Advance planned by mission boards of practically all denominations. Plans are made to publish in a five year period 59,712,081 copies of the scriptures, a program estimated to cost \$11,888,484.

Cost of the advance program, as are all costs of the Bible Society, must be met by gifts from Christian individuals and groups here in America. Southern Baptists, through their local churches, are one of the chief sources of this support. Indications are that Southern Baptist contributions to the Society will total \$110,000 for 1948. A total of \$150,000 is needed from Southern Baptists in 1949 for launching of the advance program. This is an increase of 36 per cent. The cause is worthy and vital; we commend it to you.

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